

WEATHER SYNOPSIS
The barometer is again falling on the coast, and increasing southerly winds with rain may become prevalent. Fair, moderately cold weather prevails in the interior.

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Land Grant Bill of P.G.E. Becomes Law

Premier Gives Assurance That No Sale Shall Take Place Without Reference to Legislature

Organization Said To Be Interested

Hon. John Oliver Says He Is Ready to Resign If Assertion True, or If Bill Defeated

THE P.G.E. land grant bill passed committee stage in the legislature yesterday afternoon, and final reading last night. An amendment was placed in the bill by Premier Oliver in keeping with his assurance given earlier, that there would be no sale of the lands or railway without reference to the Legislature.

The final discussion was featured by suggestions made by Mr. Joshua Hinchliffe that the land grant was being influenced by an interested organization. This was denied by the Premier and several Ministers. The Victoria member read from the file of correspondence on the subject of the P.G.E., which Premier Oliver had given to the Opposition Leader earlier in the session, and in doing so, was accused by the Premier of a breach of faith.

Mr. Hinchliffe declared that the proposals contained in the offer of a Portland firm to take over the P.G.E. resembled the legislation that was being rushed through the House.

Amendment Covers It

The leader of the Opposition opened the committee discussion on the bill by moving an amendment to the effect that, instead of making a land grant, the lands should be held as a reserve on account of the P.G.E. company. He urged that this would protect the land, and if the terms of proposed disposal of the railway were satisfactory, the grant could then be considered.

Premier Oliver said that this would nullify the effect of the whole bill, which would be no use to him if the amendment were carried. The Premier continued on page 5.

Armour Firm Admits Fault In Grain Feud

Absurd Reports Cabled to Chicago by One of Company's Employees, Argentina Branch Acknowledges

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19.—The Armour Packing Company of La Plata has admitted to the Government that one of its employees transmitted "absurd reports" to the Armour Grain Company of Chicago.

The company announced that it would send a message to George E. Saunders, vice-president of the Armour Grain Company, informing him that he had been "the victim of a false and untrue communication, and that the employee had been suspended."

Katrine regret is expressed by the company that the report of one of its subordinates should have caused a scandal, which cannot in any way affect the reputation of any functionary of the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—George E. Saunders, vice-president of the Armour Grain Company of Chicago, telegraphed Hon. Puyredon, the Argentine ambassador, today that he at no time made, nor intended to make, any charge questioning the good faith of the official report on wheat issued in Argentina.



from the Colonist Tower

Sunday, December 20

34th Day, 1925
THE WEATHER
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly winds, mild with rain.

Sun Rises: 8:02 o'clock.
Sun Sets: 4:30 o'clock.
High Tide: 8:51 a.m., 8.9 feet.
Low Tide: 9:13 a.m., 1.5 feet.

Deep Sea Shipping
Arrival (Monday)—
No. Emma Alexander, from San Francisco, 5:30 p.m.

The News

Local and Provincial—
Minimum Wage Bill, as passed in Legislature yesterday, is extended beyond its original scope to include other industries than lumbering.

P.G.E. land grant bill passes House.

Attorney-General successfully resisted Opposition attempt to take liquor law administration out of politics.

Sixteenth Parliament of Province is prorogued.

Dominion, Imperial and Foreign—
Marvellous statues of Tutankhamen reveal genius of early Egyptian sculptors.

Emperor of Japan, long invalid, suffers sudden fainting spell.

Italian parliament adjourns after notable session.

Armour company admits fault in Argentina grain scandal.

French industrial leaders plan to stabilize finances of country favorably received by cabinet.

Tutankhamen, Boy King of Egypt



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Tutankhamen, three or four years before death carved in grey granite. According to experts, this statue possesses a perfection of sculptured detail which is particularly remarkable because the material is the hardest known to art and therefore most difficult to carve. This statue offers to the medical expert distinct evidences of tuberculosis.

Marvellous Statues Show Genius of Egypt Artists

Hitherto Unidentified Stone Masterpieces Portray Tutankhamen, Luxor Discovery Reveals—Ravages of Tuberculosis Plainly Observed on Face

By JOHN L. BALDWIN
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CAIRO, Dec. 19.—In Tutankhamen we have a character who will hereafter, I think, receive more attention from school boys than probably any other man who has ever lived—more even than Caesar, or Alexander, or Napoleon.

Not, of course, for a few years, not until the prohibitions against photographing, sketching or even describing his features are removed, but until the tomb has been cleared, everything placed on exhibition, intelligent books written and there will be libraries of them when all the facts are available.

Little Tutankhamen's future fame, of course, will rest not upon who or what he was, but on his possession of it, even possible, if there are no historical or personal documents in the tomb, that his biography will always be speculative, but the great artists who worked for him have seen to it that the boy Pharaoh from now to our remote posterity will grip the world's imagination and fascinate generations to come.

In my last article I promised to produce proof that one of Tutankhamen's court sculptors was among the world's great masters, worthy to be named with any sculptor who ever lived. It seemed a rash promise, even for an art critic to make, and I am no art critic. But I doubt whether any sculptor has ever enjoyed a greater posthumous triumph, or whether any more definite proof of artistic genius has ever been produced than I am able to present here for the first time.

Death Due to Tuberculosis

Tutankhamen, it is now believed, died of consumption at the age of eighteen. Professor Perry, assisted Continued on page 21.

Prince Lights Lamps In Memory of Fallen

Heir to Throne Officiates at "Toc H" Ceremony in London—New Branches Started

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Prince of Wales lit the lamps of maintenance for the "Toc H" branches in New York and Argentina at a huge celebration at Albert Hall tonight, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of "Toc H," which is an association of British comrades in arms.

"Toc H" is the telegraphic address of the famous war hospital, Talpor House, at Poperinghe, at the rear of the Ypres sector, and the adopted name of the organization which gathers only to light the lamps in memory of fallen comrades. The Prince of Wales is the patron of the organization.

During the ceremony of lighting the lamps the Prince spoke of the establishment of branches in America, saying: "It is one of the great features of this evening when I light the lamp of the New York branch. I have always been the proud patron of 'Toc H,' and I am more than proud when I find it going strong in America and Argentina."

Anthracite Strike Enters Fifth Month

Hard Coal Suspension Expected to Continue Into New Year—No Signs of End

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The anthracite strike with 134,000 men and boys idle nearly four months, entering the Christmas week without any encouraging sign that the long suspension will end before the New Year, miners and operators have received an invitation from mayors and burgesses of the hard coal fields to meet in Scranton Monday and resume negotiations which were broken off last August, but prospects tonight were not bright.

John Lewis, president of the miners, responded today to the invitation by notifying Mayor John Durkin, of Scranton, chairman of the chief executive committee, that the negotiations which were broken off last August, but prospects tonight were not bright.

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Japan Ruler, Long Invalid, Grows Worse

Emperor Suffers Sudden Fainting Spell in Tokio Palace—Departure From Capital Postponed

State Not Serious, Physicians Declare

Monarch in Poor Health for Four Years—Mental and Physical Condition Becoming More Serious

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—An official bulletin of the Imperial household department says the Emperor last evening suffered a "sudden stroke of cerebral anaemia," meaning a fainting spell.

While the physicians do not believe the condition of the Emperor is serious, his departure for Kumasa, where he usually spends the winter, has been temporarily postponed.

The Emperor, who ascended the throne July 30, 1912, succeeding his father, the late Emperor Meiji, has been an invalid for the last four years. His condition became such that in November, 1921, he was crowned Prince Hirohito, was appointed Prince Regent. Since then the Emperor has spent his time between the various imperial palaces, Kumasa being the winter residence of the Emperor.

In March, 1924, a statement from the Imperial household said the Emperor's mental condition had shown change in the last eighteen months, and the "failure to improve applies particularly to his articulation and memory which have become worse." His physical condition was discovered as favorable and improving.

In June last, information from the same source said his physical and mental condition was slightly worse.

Condemned Man Gives New Turn To Beryl G. Case

Seeking to Avoid Death Penalty, Sowash, One of Three Convicted Men, Makes New Charges

A statement which exonerates O. B. Beyer and Charles Morris, and sentences of execution for the murder of Captain Gillis of Sidney Island on September 15, 1924, has been made by Harry Sowash, the third man convicted, according to a memorandum which has been forwarded to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa in the hope of invoking the clemency of the Crown in saving the three men from the gallows.

This new version of the Beryl G. piracy murder is alleged to have been made in private and before material from the evidence before the jury at the trials of the accused persons, who are alleged with others to have perpetrated the murder of the captain and his son in order to steal a cargo of liquor.

Mr. R. C. Lowe, who has acted as counsel for Baker, says that the case is the date of the Imperial Privy Council, although there is a provision in the Criminal Code forbidding an appeal in such a case, which he maintains, according to the memorandum, is Parliament as interfering with the rights of the subject.

May Go to Privy Council

Amendments Favored

Hon. William Sloan was of opinion that the law should apply to workers in hazardous occupations such as miners and fishermen, but he did not think it would be useful to bakers, tailors and other workers engaged in similar industry. He claimed he was in favor of the principle of a minimum wage law, but was afraid that if the scope of the bill was made too broad, no industry would be able to secure proper consideration.

Mr. Dugald McPherson, of Grand Forks-Greenwood, and Mr. J. M. Bryan, North Vancouver, spoke in favor of the amendments. The latter was of the opinion that the bill would accomplish more to solve the Asiatic question in British Columbia than all the resolutions on the subject the Legislature had ever sent to Ottawa.

Italian Queen Mother Still Seriously Ill

BOLOGNA, Italy, Dec. 19.—The physician in attendance on the Queen Mother Margherita, who is suffering from pleurisy, are still issuing bulletins on her condition. These are somewhat technical and indicate that the disease is persisting, with some unfavorable symptoms.

As described by the physicians, the Queen Mother's temperature was normal this morning but reached 101.60 this evening, owing to the persistence of the pleural inflammation.

Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay Voters Will Go to Polls, Jan. 16

One of Features of Forthcoming Campaign Will Be Three Reeves All Seeking Re-election in Respective Districts—Plebiscites in Each Locality

ELECTORS of Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay municipalities will go to the polls on Saturday, January 16, the date of the annual municipal elections. Nominations of candidates for the various offices will be received on Monday, January 21, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m. for each district at the respective municipal halls.

With the annual municipal election in Victoria the Polls members of the Provincial Legislature this year now matters of history, chief interest in Victoria and district now is the forthcoming elections in the three municipalities adjacent to the city.

One of the features of the campaign will be the fact that Reeves Robert Macneil, R. P. Matheson and Herbert Anson, of Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay respectively, will again be in the field for re-election. The first-named has served his district for two years in the reeve's chair, while Messrs. Matheson and Anson are now completing their first term as chief executives.

Saanich Election

In Saanich, Reeve Robert Macneil, after serving two years on the council as representative from Ward Two entered the reeve's contest for the first time in January, 1924, when he defeated ex-Reeve Watson by a majority of over 400. Last year he sought re-election and was returned as Reeve by acclamation.

It is likely that Reeve Macneil will be opposed at the polls next month and Councillor H. O. Kirkham may be his opponent. Councillor Kirkham has not yet stated whether he will definitely be a candidate for the reeve'ship, although he has been strongly urged to lead the forces against the Macneil administration. Councillor Kirkham has represented Ward One on the council for the past three years, and during that time has officiated as chairman of the finance committee.

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Government Liquor Act Will Stay in Politics

Opposition Resolutions, to Make Board Solely Responsible to Parliament, and to Give Beer Drinkers Own Choice of Brew, Die on Order Paper

DEATH by starvation and exposure on the order paper was the fate decreed by the Oliver Government yesterday in the last hours of the session to two resolutions of the Opposition demanding that the Government Liquor Act be taken out of politics.

Of these resolutions, that of Mr. H. D. Twigg, third member for Victoria, sought to make Mr. Hugh Davidson, Government Liquor Commissioner, solely responsible to the Legislature, and not, as at present, to the Government.

This effort to make the Liquor Board free of partisan control was defeated by the delaying tactics of Attorney-General Manson, who, when Twigg against the motion being allowed to die on the order paper, obtained a ruling from Mr. Speaker that it was out of order.

Twigg made a last-minute fight for his motion when the order paper having been cleared of all business in which the Government had any interest, the Premier rose to move adjournment of the House until the final sitting of the evening. Mr. Twigg protested against the obvious intention of the Government to bury the matter.

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Minimum Wage Bill to Include Other Industries

Fruit Packers, Pickers, Vegetable Canners, Farm Laborers, Domestic Servants, Fishermen, Excluded

Major R. J. Burdett's Minimum Wage Bill passed committee stage in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, and the approval of the House was made in the amendment advanced by Mr. C. P. Boyle (Cowichan-Newcastle), which broadened the scope of the bill to include workers in all industries except fruit packers, fruit and vegetable canners, fruit pickers, farm laborers and domestic servants.

The amendment to the bill presented by Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, that coal miners be included was also passed.

Speaking to his amendment, Mr. Boyle expressed the opinion that while there was real value in Major Burdett's bill it was a minimum wage law in respect to the lumbering industry, it did not go far enough. The bill should include all industry, he said.

Norwegian Crown Prince Reported About to Wed

PRINCE OLAF OF NORWAY

Twenty-two years old, who, rumor has it, will soon wed Princess Astrid, a niece of King Gustav of Sweden. He is a broad-shouldered, clear-eyed young man, who has been too busy getting an education to figure yet in the world's politics.

Chinese Launch Agitation

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Anti-Christmas cards are being issued, says the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail, as part of an anti-Christian campaign to be launched in China Christmas week. Vigorous efforts are being made to stir the masses and insure the success of the campaign which, according to the correspondent, is being engineered by Chinese students.

Seven Years' Lead to Overcome

SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—It will take at least seven years before American rubber interests will be able to give England any competition in the rubber market, in the opinion of E. H. Simpson, of the Rothchild Rubber Company, of New York, who arrived here from the Orient tonight.

Railway Provides Yuletide Comforts

Travelers to Enjoy Christmas on British Trains—Dinner, Gifts and Mistletoe

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Hundreds of people will indulge in Christmas merriment this year while speeding through the English countryside on an express train at sixty miles an hour. To insure that passengers undertaking long journeys shall not miss the traditional Yuletide celebration, the London, Midland & Scottish Railway on Christmas Day will provide festivities for its passengers as nearly as possible like those which will be going on at the fireside at home throughout the country. The restaurant cars will have Christmas trees and will be decorated with holly. Mistletoe will be hung in inviting places. A regular Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served and gifts will be distributed.

Snow Falls in United States

DENVER, Dec. 19.—A general snowfall in four states, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, was reported here tonight.

Train Wreck Kills One, Injures Nine

Student Dies in Derailed of Pennsylvania Express—Cars and Locomotive Upset

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Derailed of train No. 32 on the Pennsylvania Railroad's fast express between Pittsburgh and New York, west of here early today, resulted in the death of one man and injury of nine others, four seriously.

Ren E. Hess, twenty-one, a student at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, whose home was at Huntington, a suburb of Los Angeles, and who was on his way to Woodhaven, Ill., died at a hospital as a result of his injuries.

The locomotive and all eight cars of the train were derailed, two day coaches upsetting.

Curtain Falls On Session of Legislature

British Columbia's Sixteenth Parliament Prorogues Amid Customary Scenes of Wild Hilarity

Lieut.-Governor Thanks Members

Appreciation Expressed of Labors With Hope for Continued Progress and Prosperity of Province

BRITISH Columbia's sixteenth Parliament finished its business early last evening and its second session was prorogued just as the hands of the big clock in the Assembly Chamber pointed to ten o'clock.

Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor opened the Legislative Chamber at 9:50 o'clock, and expressed the official thanks of the Crown to the Legislature for its services.

For nearly seven weeks the members of the British Columbia House have been in session, and what was at first considered a small agenda of business developed into a list filled with subjects of contention before many days had been passed.

Wild Disorder Reigns

As usual, the House presented a scene of wild disorder when the session was declared at an end and the Lieutenant-Governor had departed from the Chamber. Order papers, votes and proceedings and confetti rained over the desks and in three minutes the floor was almost knee-deep in miscellaneous paper.

During the few minutes' recess while the members were awaiting the arrival of His Honor, Mr. H. P. Keegan, member for Allan, led the House in song and later produced a mouth-organ from which he drew some mournful tunes. "My Wild Irish Rose" was sung, and the House sang and later produced a mouth-organ from which he drew some mournful tunes. "My Wild Irish Rose" was sung, and the House sang and later produced a mouth-organ from which he drew some mournful tunes.

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Fascists Bring Notable Session To End at Rome

Law-Making Records Believed Broken—New Bill Warns Italians Abroad to Mind Their Words

ROME, Dec. 19.—Both Houses of Parliament adjourned tonight for the Christmas holidays, after having approved in the brief session since November 18, more legislation than was expected to be passed. The session was notable for the passage of a law which would change radically the political complexion of Italy than in any session since the advent of Fascism. Indeed, it is believed that the Fascist Government has completed in one session such a programme of significant law-making.

Among the laws approved was one empowering the government to revoke the citizenship and confiscate the property of any Italian abroad who utters words or commits acts which, even though they do not constitute crimes, the Government considers likely to cause disorders within the realm or to damage the prestige of the existing regime abroad.

Another law recognizes the Fascist Employers' Association, and the Fascist Labor Union as the only organizations through which workers may present demands concerning working conditions and wages, and employers their conditions of employment.

Earthquakes Felt In South America

Shocks Registered at Buenos Aires—Tremors Picked Up in Nicaraguan City

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19.—La Plata observatory today registered strong seismic movements, beginning at 12:17 p.m. The distance was estimated at 4,500 kilometres, approximately 3,000 miles, the epicentre being given as Mar del Plata in the Pacific, or 1,500 kilometres southwest of St. Helena in the Atlantic.

SAN JUAN DEL RUIR, Nicaragua, Dec. 19.—A light earth tremor was felt here yesterday, and today a stronger shock, but no damage has been reported.

The Omitepa volcano, set on an island in the middle of Lake Nicaragua, which has been active for several days, continues to emit sand and ashes.

German Budget Approved

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The Reichstag, composed of representatives of German states, approved the budget for 1926. The budget balances at 1,500,000,000 marks, 600,000,000 of which will be expended for reparations.

Effort Is Made To Censure Hon. A. M. Manson

Proposal to Reduce Salary of
Attorney-General Lost in
Committee of Supply of
Legislature

Actions Are Defended

An effort by the Opposition to censure the Attorney-General by way of moving a resolution in his salary from \$1,500 to \$1,000 was lost in Committee of Supply on a show of hands yesterday, only the Conservative members present voting for the resolution.

Mr. R. H. Pooley, Conservative, moved the resolution, saying his argument on the fact that a stay of proceedings had been entered in the prosecution against Mr. M. H. Jackson and others in the Vancouver Police Court. In delegating to the Deputy Attorney-General the prosecution of the prosecutions, he said, the Attorney-General, who had previously in the House accepted responsibility for the actions of Mr. Jackson in respect to the Janet Smith case, had consulted his own convenience.

Believed Court Misused
The Attorney-General had also testified in the Amise court, said Mr. Pooley, and if his evidence had been believed by the jury a conviction would have been entered against Mr. H. O. McDonald.

The Attorney-General replied that if he had consulted his own convenience he would have ordered the prosecution to proceed, but he believed that the court was being misused. He had left the decision solely to the Deputy Minister, who had also come to the decision that the prosecution against Mr. Jackson was malicious. He had always tried to do his duty and he regretted that any member of the House should take such a view as evidenced in the moving of the resolution.

Mr. H. D. Taylor, Victoria, said that the Attorney-General should hold no

portfolio, and he certainly should not take part in bye-elections.

Increase Declined
The motion having been defeated, Hon. William Sloan moved to increase the salary of the Attorney-General, because of his arduous duties, by \$500. This Hon. Mr. Manson declined to accept, and the motion was withdrawn.

"Very well staged," exclaimed Col. Cy. Peck.

"He deserves it," interjected Major R. J. Burde.

An attempt to reduce the salary of the Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. W. H. MacInnes, was also voted down by the Government and Labor members.

Saanich, Esquimalt
And Oak Bay Will
Go to Polls Jan. 16

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Re-election of the present councillors in a number of the Saanich wards appears at the present time to be a strong possibility. In the event of Councillor Kirkham contesting the re-election, Mr. Edward Tomlin, of Mount Tolmie, will probably seek the support of Ward One electors for the vacant council seat.

Councillor Stubbs, Oldfield and Hagan, of Ward Four, Five and Six, appear to have excellent chances of being returned by acclamation. In Ward Seven, Councillor Murphy is seeking his second term on the council. No opposition to his candidature has yet been evident.

School Trustees Hobbs, Holland and Mrs. Bockett retire in January. Trustee Hobbs, who is chairman of the present board, and Trustee Mrs. Bockett are in the field for re-election. Trustee Holland, who was defeated last night that he would not be a candidate again. Ex-Trustee J. Chestham, of Ward Four, seeks a seat on the board.

Three Trustees to Be Chosen
Three may be in the field for the vacant seat on the police commission. The two-year term of Commissioner Charles E. King, of Cedar Hill, expires in January. Mr. King will seek re-election and will be definitely opposed by Mr. A. E. Scalf, of Ward Four, who has been nominated for that office by the Ward Four Ratepayers' Association. Efforts are being made to induce Mr. William Craig, of Bolekline Road, in Ward Two, to enter the fight, but as yet he has not consented to do so.

Saanich electors will also record their opinion at the annual election on the plebiscite, "Are You in Favor of Closing the Health Centre?" Persons whose names appear on the voters' list for 1926 will be entitled to vote on this referendum.

Situation in Esquimalt
Reeve H. P. Matheson will probably seek a second term as head of the Esquimalt Township. Although declining to make a definite statement as to his intentions, Reeve Matheson has admitted that he is giving serious consideration to requests that he should again run for the post of chief executive.

Whether he will have opposition to his candidature remains to be seen. No candidate has yet entered the field against him, although ex-Reeve Alexander Lockley, who was defeated last January by Reeve Matheson, has been mentioned as a possible opponent.

Three council vacancies will be filled by the electors next month, Councilors Reid, Anderson and Smith retire at this time, and it is thought probable that they will all seek re-election. The name of ex-Councillor James P. Mosher, as a prospective candidate has been mentioned, and he may be in the field for one of the council vacancies.

The terms of School Trustees James Kirk and William Dallaway and Mrs. Ishler, on the Esquimalt School Board, terminate in January, thereby creating three posts to be filled.

Police Commissioner Thomas Hadfield retires from the Police Board next month, and it is not known yet whether he will seek re-election.

To Vote on Three By-Laws
In addition to voting for candidates for the various offices, ratepayers of Esquimalt will be asked to express their views on three measures. One of these will be a by-law for the construction of a new high school at a cost to the ratepayers of \$12,000. The proposed building, on Old Esquimalt Road, near the present Lamson School, will cost \$18,000, but \$6,000 of this amount has been promised as a grant by the Provincial Department of Education.

Another by-law will be one providing for the acquisition of the Beach, Limited, jam manufacturers, for a period of ten years. This concern is moving its plant into the municipality, and wishes to be retained as a grant by the Provincial Department of Education.

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France's Budget Shows Billion and Half Deficit In Spite of New Taxes

PARIS, Dec. 19.—France's budget shows a deficit of 1,500,000,000 francs (\$40,000,000) despite the four billion francs in new taxes voted on December 4. Finance Minister Doumer told the Chamber of Deputies Finance Committee today. These figures, he said, do not take into account several chapters in the pensions and postal department budgets.

The Session

The House Prorogues—And Goes Home for Christmas—After Seven Weeks of It—And a Hectic Spell of Work in the "Dying Hours"—Several Items Die on the Order Paper—To the Relief of the Government—And Hon. Attorney-General Manson Is Voluble to the Last

The Press Gallery, Saturday.

The House is up. The second session of the sixteenth Parliament of British Columbia has passed into history. The ceremony of prorogation has been performed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. The Royal assent has been given to something over seventy statutes, the same being the visible memorial of the labors of the last seven weeks. The salutations of parting have been exchanged between honorable members. The House, scarcely able to believe it can be true, is on its way to eat its Christmas dinner in the bosom of its family.

The House, when it makes up its mind to work, is undeniably the "working-out" House that ever was. When the House reassembled last Monday, no more than a dozen bills had been brought down. Two days ago the Premier blandly introduced to an astonished House and an indignant opposition six little further bones of contention, in the shape of six perfectly new little bills. By 9:15 this evening, these six bills had followed seventy others into the limbo of final disappearance from the order paper. The session, which was to have been short and sweet, which was to have seen no legislation of importance brought down, which was to have been ended by an all-sufficient Government because there was no other way of securing funds for the conduct of public business, this session which came in so lambslike, went out tonight, seven weeks after its opening, and after incredible sound and fury, like the proverbial lion.

This end was not attained without recourse to parliamentary expedients dear to the hearts of all malignant Governments. Parliament is one of the few organizations for the transaction of public business—or, as the opposing opposition would say, for not transacting public business—which allows itself the luxury of final adjournment in the face of much unfinished business. It was a very odd thing in such items on the last order paper of this session. They were allowed to "die on the order paper." They were regarded by a long-suffering Government as inconvenient foundlings on the doorstep of parliament; and while there were not wanting honorable members willing to foster these orphanage of legislation, the Government was able to persuade itself that it should be cruel to be kind. Let them die on the order paper! The blessedness of the phrase is abundant consolation to a harassed Government.

Among the items thus allowed to die on the order paper were resolutions standing in the names of Mr. Twigg and Colonel Cy. Peck, V.C. Both of these items were regarded by the Government as affronts to its peace and dignity. Mr. Twigg's resolution wanted the Liquor Control Board taken out of politics and made solely responsible to the Legislature. It was unkind enough to remind Hon. Attorney-General Manson of his many public utterances in which he had said that there would be no interference with the board. It was unkind enough also to remind that voluble statesman of all the evidence before the Public Accounts Committee which showed that there had been much interference with the board. Col. Peck's resolution complained of the price and quality of beer as supplied by the Government to the beer drinkers of the Province.

Hon. Attorney-General Manson was quite sure, as to Mr. Twigg's resolution, that such unkindness was altogether out of order. Mr. Speaker, on the appeal to his ruling, was of opinion that such unkindness was irrelevant at a time like this, in the "dying hours" with everything almost done, with the House packing its bags, as it were, to home for Christmas. As to Col. Peck's resolution, its sponsor asked only that he might have the satisfaction of putting on record a formal motion for its adoption. The Attorney-General was voluble again. And then Col. Peck provided the House with a final reminder that it must sometime be better for voluble Attorneys-General if they let sleeping dogs lie. The colonel intimated that he could have gone home to the islands at peace with all the House. If it were not for this provocation of Mr. Manson's for wanting the last word on everything, "There is no end of him," growled the disgruntled old warrior, "he wants to talk about everything."

The opposition went down to defeat on the P.E. bill, but it went down with colors flying. At the afternoon session Mr. Pooley tried in vain to amend the bill in committee, so that the proposed land grant, instead of being made over to the railway company, should be held in reserve. The Premier was obdurate. His own amendment, providing that the railway company may not dispose of the railway itself, or the lands granted, without the consent of the Legislature, was sufficient, protest he insisted. Once more Mr. Pooley, assisted by Messrs. Twigg, Hinchliffe and Lyons, reiterated the cogent arguments against hurrying through this undigested legislation. The Premier was obdurate. He was more than obdurate. For the first time in the debate he showed signs of heat. He wound up his last declaration of faith in the good judgment and intention of Bill No. 70 with the announcement that if it were defeated he would resign as Premier. For this making a virtue of what would have been an ignominious necessity, the Premier was much encouraged by the cheers of his followers.

The much-enduring Premier was not called upon to resign. With colors flying, the fighting opposition went down to defeat in a last division on the third reading of the bill. The House is up. Parliament is prorogued. The long seven weeks is over. The Government is released from its congenial task of pointing to itself with pride. The Government is released from the painful necessity of having itself viewed with alarm by a capricious opposition. Honorable members have gone home, to eat

their Christmas dinner in the bosom of their families, to reflect that something has been attempted, even if very little has been done, for an ungrateful country. And the ungrateful country? Well, as one honorable member put it, "There's no pleasing 'em."

Dr. R. L. Miller's Stand Endorsed

Medical Society Express Approval of Saanich Health Officer's Act

At a special meeting of the Victoria Medical Society held on Wednesday the following resolutions were passed:

(1) Dr. R. L. Miller appeared and stated his case in regard to his position as Medical Health Officer of Saanich Municipality, and that the society after hearing his statements considers that he acted in every way quite professionally, and further decided that he retains the confidence of this society. The society further offers the services of a committee to confer with the Saanich Council in order to discuss this matter.

A copy of this resolution has been sent to the Saanich Council.

(2) That a letter be sent to the Provincial Secretary, enclosing a copy of the attached resolution on the Saanich Health Centre, which was passed by the society on December 3, 1925, stating that we believe that this resolution is in the interests of the health of the community of Saanich, and asking for the attitude of the department towards this resolution.

The Resolution

The attached resolution is: "Resolved: That the Victoria Medical Society extends to the Saanich Memorial Health Centre its sympathetic co-operation in the activities of that body in so far as they pertain to public health education, social service work, district nursing and such other nursing duties as tend to promote hygiene and sanitation, to restrict the spread of communicable diseases and to encourage early diagnosis.

"But that this society is firmly convinced that it is not in the best interests of the community served that such activities should be extended to the realm of prescribing for or treating disease through clinics established for the assistance of the indigent or under the guise of advising regarding the maintenance of health in the well. It is felt that those who are actually in straitened circumstances have no cause for complaint against the medical profession, who are and ever have been prepared to render their services to the needy in the same measure as these services are given to their more fortunate fellows. And it is believed that these services can be better rendered in hospitals, in the doctors' consulting rooms and in the homes of the sick, than in any other place.

In Invidious Position

"It is further considered that that prophylactic portion of the work with which the society is in accord, can be adequately performed by nurses engaged for the purpose and that any medical man who presides at a well baby or pre-school clinic, to give advice regarding the care and treatment of the children who attend, is placing himself in a very invidious position, and resolve therefore that no member of this society shall take any part in the conduct of any such clinic.

"Resolved, also, that the tonal clinic conducted at the Saanich Health Centre be not given the support or assistance of any member of this society, and that regarding the chest clinics further information be obtained from Dr. Young as to its aims and the proposed method to be pursued in striving for that objective."

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CHRISTMASTIDE

At long range we count time as before Christ and after. At shorter range the children reckon from one Christmas to another. The festival returns to remind us impressively of the true significance of the phrase "in the year of our Lord." The progress of Christianity as a way of life has been slow, its adoption as a working principle in the affairs of nations slight and partial. The record would have been still poorer but for the recurring anniversary. The institution of a weekly day of rest has proved highly beneficial in a moral and in a material sense as well. Men of the Sabbath, to others it is merely Sunday, while others again place a special emphasis upon the Lord's Day. Much controversy and some differences have resulted in the observance of the weekly holiday. It is a wise economic provision conceived in the interest of the working human organism, or it is set apart by divine ordinance for the exercise of religious worship, or it is a day for the deliberate pursuit of pleasure. No such difference of opinion or practice attaches to Christmas. Its observance does not depend upon any cautious theory of human economics or upon prudential considerations of any kind. Christmas makes a universal appeal and to this appeal human nature responds wholeheartedly.

No assembly of divines has yet forged in the white heat of theological controversy a more perfect symbol of religion, a more convincing body of doctrine than Christmas itself. Materialism cannot be defended on philosophical grounds. As a system it issues in intellectual bankruptcy, just as in practical affairs it leads directly to moral bankruptcy. The most effective refutation of its maleficent teachings is in the benign manifestations of the Christmas spirit, a spirit not confined to a single day but suffusing itself through many days in the period known as the Christmas season. The lengthening out of Christmastide is due partly, no doubt, to the increasing range and variety of our social interests, but ultimately and chiefly it is due to the vitality and dynamic influence of the Christian religion.

MODERN SERMONS

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been criticizing the modern sermon from the pulpit and his criticism has aroused widespread interest. It is fairly generally admitted that the criticism is just. One reason assigned for the failure of the modern sermon in having an effective appeal is that clergymen are too absorbed in their parochial organizations, with the result that they sacrifice the true effectiveness of their power of preaching. There are a multitude of other causes, and perhaps one of the more important of these is the effort in the pulpit to be topical, and, therefore, in so many instances, failure to deal with the vital matters of the Christian faith. Preachers have a habit of laying too much emphasis on questions of comparative unimportance, on the fleeting fancies of the hour, on the petty material problems which disrupt humanity, and on the desire to be sensational. In commenting on the Archbishop's criticism a correspondent in The London Times says:

In the long run people get the sermons they deserve. The clergy are not always blind or perverse or idle, but many of them have been overcome by the too obvious irresponsibility of their congregations till it would seem to be almost an act of piety to come to an earnest appeal, relying on an eager response to the challenge of the unseen. As one listens to the criticisms made of sermons one comes to the conclusion that what many people ask for is not that which will compel them to face the conviction of conscience or the challenge of duty, but some pleasant discourse with which to satisfy their complacency. Yet it must be admitted that too often indeed the hungry sheep look up and are not fed, and the preacher offers husks instead of food.

Dean Swift it was who said that "men whose minds are much enslaved to earthly affairs all the week, cannot disengage or break the chain of their thoughts so suddenly as to apply to a discourse that is wholly foreign to what they have most at heart." Some clergymen seem to have discovered this inability in mentality, so that they have suited their discourses to the affairs of the week, and in doing so have largely lost sight of religion itself. They have attuned their thoughts to the thoughts of their audiences at the expense of the eternal verities. The thoughts and the eloquence of some preachers are being brought to bear more and more on the purely material aspects of things. Their messages are no longer declared in the name of the Most High.

They are messages with an ephemeral appeal and not of the tenor which ought to be expected in the service of the Master. What is lacking in those preachers, perhaps more than anything else, is the ministry of the Word. They have become too much the slaves of environment and they have taught their congregations to expect discourses on subjects and pursuits that have occupied the minds of those congregations in the workaday week. In reality the clergyman has no new message to deliver in these respects. His message is and must remain one that lifts mankind away from week-day thoughts; it is a message of faith, which overcometh the world.

THE BRUTE MAJORITY

By forcing the passage of Bill No. 70 and his unwillingness to listen to a plea that the country should be given time to digest the most important piece of legislation brought down in a decade, Premier Oliver has exercised the privilege of his "brute majority." The Legislature by its act has remitted taxation for a period of twenty years on 25,000 square miles of the public domain of British Columbia. It has given control over that domain to three of the Ministers of the Cabinet. It has put it into the power of these Ministers to conduct negotiations for the alienation of that domain and out through any deal to which they personally may be favorably inclined to their dictates. It has slammed the door against other and far more economic measures for the solution of the P.E.I. problem. It has, to all intents and purposes, defied a desire that exists among the people to be consulted in the premises.

In the long run, of course, it is the people's will that must prevail. It is the people's will, as expressed by themselves that must hold sway, and not as expressed by a Government whose party in the Legislature represents only some 33 per cent of those who went to the polls at the last election. What has happened over Bill No. 70 is a new expression of the ruthlessness of Premier Oliver in determining to have his way irrespective of consequences. It is an expression, too, of his desire to open up more illimitable ways for expenditure from the public purse for the purpose of strengthening the Liberal Machine. Without a question the power that the Legislature, as trustee of the people, has tentatively renounced over 25,000 square miles of the public domain will be exercised for party political purposes, just as such power has been exercised by the Government in so many of its undertakings. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway, with all the utility which has marked its conduct under Government control, is now the owner of over 16,000,000 acres of selected tax-free lands. It is a regal subsidy which has been tossed into the seething pot of political expenditure shirred up to such profligate purpose by the present administration in British Columbia.

The Prohibition Law in Texas does not seem to be enforced by an evenhanded justice. The administration of Mrs. Ferguson, the Governor, is being attacked for the wholesale pardoning of persons who have violated the liquor laws. Now, Mrs. Ferguson, in the name of the State of Texas, offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction for infraction of the liquor laws of any citizen who is worth at least \$5,000. This would appear to indicate that she regards the liquor laws as specially directed against those who are financially better off than their fellowmen.

The British Ministry of Agriculture points out that since the prohibition of the importation of swan quills by the Importation of Plumage Act the demand for such quills in Britain is greater than the available supply. These quills are used for the making of artists' brushes and fishing tackle. There is a profitable outlet for these quills which are shed once a year and also a demand for goose, turkey and duck quills, and also for feathers when supplied in quantities of not less than two.

In the Canadian Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition there was a notice displayed to the effect that in the opinion of scientists this will be the coldest Winter we have experienced for 140 years. As Winter comes on Tuesday next the opportunity will present itself to Nature to demonstrate once again that the weather prophets have still a good deal to learn in predicting meteorological moods.

The demand for central heating, that is heating by hot air or hot water furnaces, is a striking aspect of present-day domestic architecture. In Britain, however, there is still considerable love of the open fireplace, which, as one authority says, "cannot be abolished from the hearths of the country for the sufficient reason that it contributes in a substantial manner to the health of the people."

Mr. Frank J. D. Barnum says specifically that the Mackenzie King Government's disastrous policy of allowing the free export of Canada's raw pulpwood is influenced by American interests. That is also a claim made regarding British Columbia's attitude towards the export of unmanufactured logs.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

The dance was on and joy was unconfined in Winnipeg a few evenings ago. The pioneers of the Prairies held their annual reunion, and, of course, they danced the old-time dances. We can see the old boys and the old girls who were too far advanced in years to join in tripping the light fantastic toe sitting on "the side lines" bobbing their heads and tapping their heels upon the floor in time with the music of the fiddler. The wall of that modern abomination, the saxophone, was not heard by the assembled old boys and old girls; neither was the shuffling modern dance tolerated by them. The dancing of the Lancers was the principal event of the evening, but we are told the fun was fast and furious during the performance of the Red River jig.

The affair was one of the most notable in the history of the "Prairie country," not only because of the enthusiastic spirit of it but because it was attended by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and several other public men who are destined to be quite prominent in the "public eye" while the coming year is yet in its teens. The Leader of the Opposition is said to have been to be a very stiff and extremely sedate person. Mr. Meighen must have relaxed at that old-time dance, because we are told that when he joined in the Lancers his performance was watched with keen delight by the white-haired pioneers in the assembly.

Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King did not attend the annual dance (they do not call it a ball) of the pioneers of the Prairies. The Premier has matters that are of more importance to think of than balls and routs and things at which joy is unconfined. He has "something on his mind" that will keep him busy thinking for some time, and his anticipations cannot be very joyful. He still has a grip of the reins of power, but one of the reins is broken, and anyone who has ever driven a team of fiery steeds knows what it feels like to be in a position of that kind. Mr. King has been thrown from his seat upon the chariot of state, he is rolling in the dust on the roadside, and with the single rein in his hands he is trying to regain control of the swaying, swerving vehicle. Although he did not join in the dance of the people of the Prairies, the Premier is looking to members from the Prairies to come to his assistance, pick him out of the mud and place him upon his seat again.

Mr. King's confidence may be justified by the logic of events. But the Progressives have indicated the terms upon which they will come to his rescue. They have stated their position with frankness and candor. Their political principles are for sale on the open market, and if the leader of the shattered government wants them he must pay the price for them. Of course the people of Canada will have to meet the bill of costs when it becomes due, but that is a matter of no concern to the Progressives. One of the items on the bill will be another railway that will not earn enough money to pay the cost of the right of way upon which it is built. There are other conditions annexed to the coming of the Progressive Party which are just as ominously portentous for the people of Canada to contemplate.

Under the circumstances the position of the Leader of the Opposition would appear to be much more tolerable than the position of the Leader of the Government. Mr. Meighen can enter enthusiastically into the spirit of the dance and into the festivities of the Christmas season because he has nothing of any particular consequence upon his mind. Mr. King is the leader of a shattered government and of a decimated political party, and if he is endowed with any sense of duty or responsibility, if he has any regard for constitutional precedents, there must be so much on his mind that he cannot possibly enjoy a merry Christmas. We know that if he were in the position of the leader of the shattered government and the decimated political party we should not be eating any plum pudding, unless it were floating "hard sauce" during the Christmas season.

The most deplorable feature of the political situation in Canada is the possibility that it may be productive of increased national dissension and disunion. The people of the Maritime Provinces are nursing a grievance against the other Provinces of Canada. The Eastern people claim that the terms of Confederation have not been honorably fulfilled. The purpose of Confederation was promotion of trade between the different Provinces of Canada from the East even unto the West. Those who speak with authority for the Maritime Provinces claim that the products of the Western Provinces instead of being routed over Canadian railways to the Canadian seaboard are diverted for the greater part to United States railways and to United States ports.

The Progressives who are said to have undertaken to keep the King Government in power for a fixed price declare that the trade of Canada should not be diverted from its "natural economic channels," which run north and south—north into the Arctic Ocean and south into the United States, we suppose. We believe a majority of the people of Canada think the people of the Maritime Provinces have just cause for complaint. But the political and economic situation in Canada is for the present controlled by two dozen Progressives, and no remedy can be applied as long as that condition prevails.

3-Minute Journeys

By TEMPLE MANNING

Where the Pilgrims First Landed
 There is perhaps no event in the history of the United States which is as celebrated in song and story as the landing of the pilgrims on Plymouth Rock.

The thought of this little band of idealists, fleeing from a world that had used them badly, into the practically unknown seas that stretched for endless miles to completely unknown shores! They plunged into a wilderness where a dozen different deaths were always imminent. They gave up the material comforts of an established country for the terrifying uncertainties of the building of a new land.

The rock on which they landed has taken on a hallowed significance for the great country that has sprung from their efforts. This story is told that the pilgrims first landed on Plymouth Rock, before they reached the mainland. And this rock has been constantly guarded from harm by the generations who look back with thanks to the inspired little group.

Just before war was declared on England in the Revolutionary uprising the rock was the scene of a strange and stirring occurrence. Feeling was running high concerning the oppression which had become the policy of England toward her colonies, and the pilgrims who had braved untold hardships for their ideals were not likely to submit calmly to any sort of oppression.

On October 5, 1774, all the freemen of the surrounding districts assembled at Plymouth to remove the rock to the Town Square where it could be safely preserved against the encroaching hands of the British. They were raising it from its bed, the rock split in two. There was a moment of most intense contention. Then one man of spirit stepped forward and suggested that this might be an omen of the imminent break in the British dominion. There was an instant split of relief and the rock was raised to its present position on the part of the colonists.

The upper half of the rock was then carried to a position of honor in front of Pilgrim Hall. It remained there until 1850 and was again moved in 1850 and placed on the other half on Water Street. There it remains in its entirety under a canopy of stone.

Notable Anniversaries

The great struggle between the North and South in the United States actually began on December 20, 1860. On that date the State Convention assembled by the Legislature of South Carolina, and sitting at Charleston, unanimously passed an ordinance of secession, repealing the Act by which the state had ratified the constitution and its amendments, and dissolving "the Union now subsisting between South Carolina and the other States, and in the name of the United States of America." Early in the next year other States followed South Carolina's example, and after various steps had been taken to complete the separation, hostilities were opened by the bombardment of Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, heralding four years of devastating warfare.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 4 p.m., December 19, 1925.

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12,000 Husbands Missing

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Statistics just issued by the London County Council show that 11,998 husbands are missing in London. The official figures show that there are 377,288 married women exclusive of widows in that part of London ruled by the council,

but that in this area there are only 365,300 married men.

He "Would you marry a man who lied to you?" she (sarcastically). "You don't think I want to be an old maid, do you?"

"Big Business" Offering Help In Paris Crisis

French Industrial Leaders Ready to Pledge Properties as Security for Loan to Stabilize Franc

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The proposal of the industrial leaders of Northern France to pledge their properties as security for a loan from the United States or elsewhere for the purpose of stabilizing the franc and providing a sinking fund for the country's debts, has given a new trend to discussion of how to re-establish France's finances. Manufacturers and businessmen in all parts of France approve the scheme and say that everybody must join hands to put into effect this practical suggestion to restore confidence and the currency.

Cabinet Favorable

The cabinet took the plan under consideration this evening, receiving it favorably.

Only a few Socialists and extreme Radicals threw cold water on the plan. They contended that it shows a tendency on the part of the economic interests to interfere in politics.

The franc, which improved sharply yesterday on the strength of the new suggestion, held its gain this morning. It advanced a few more points early in the day, though there was a slight reaction just before the closing of the banks at noon. The early price of the dollar was 25.70, as compared with 25.55 Thursday.

Obituary

GANNON.—There passed away on Friday evening, at the family residence on James Island, Lewis Gannon, aged six years, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gannon. The funeral will take place from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, corner of Johnson and Vancouver Streets, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The burial will be made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

WAGG.—There passed away at an early hour yesterday morning, at the family residence, 940 Mason Street, Miss Alice Evelyn Wagg, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John William Wagg. She was thirty-six years of age and a native daughter. The young lady is survived by her parents, two brothers and two sisters, Mr. John Henry Wagg, of Clyde, Alberta; Albert George Wagg, Miss Doris May Wagg and Miss Ethel Louise Wagg, all at home; also many friends who will regret to learn of her death. She was a member of Court Maple Leaf, A.O.F. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 22, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, Rev. A. K. McMillin will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest at Rose Bay Cemetery.

BULL.—Death occurred in this city on Friday evening of Mrs. Lily Bull, widow of the late Arthur Henry Bull, late of Torquay, England, who was born in Cornwall, England, aged fifty-four years, and a resident of this city the last seven years. Deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. P. R. Pike, of this city; a sister, Mrs. B. Rundle, of Plymouth, England, and a brother, Mr. W. J. Nicholas, of London, England. The body is resting at Haywards' B.C. Funeral Co. Chapel, where service will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m., with interment in Rose Bay Cemetery.

Schooner and Crew Given Up as Lost

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 19.—Hope for the safety of the schooner Beanie M. Austin, with a crew of eight men, which sailed from Boston November 20 for Miami, has been abandoned here by the Steadman Products Company, to whom the schooner's cargo, valued at \$400,000, was consigned. No word from the vessel has been received since she cleared from Boston.

Author of "Abraham Lincoln" in Victoria

AN interesting and noted visitor in the city is Mr. John Drinkwater, the well-known poet and dramatist. Mr. Drinkwater arrived yesterday afternoon accompanied by Prof. Hall, of Seattle. It is understood that Mr. Drinkwater has been conducting a lecture tour in the United States. Among the author's best-known works are: "Cophetua," a one-act play in verse; "Swords and Ploughshares"; "Pawns," three one-act plays in verse; "Abraham Lincoln"; "Loyalties"; "Mary Stuart," a play; "William Morris," a study; "The Way of the Poets," an anthology for schools, etc. He has contributed to Edinburgh, English, Fortnightly, Nineteenth Century, Quarterly, and other reviews.

Land Grant Bill of P.G.E. Becomes Law

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Mr. Twigg asked what was the position in regard to the bonds. Were they so worded as to cover after-acquired property? There had been no information in regard to this matter before the House.

Premier Oliver said there was something in the suggestion, and he promised to make inquiry into it.

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Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean—I suggest the honorable member come out into the open and use clear English so that we may understand.

Hon. Dr. W. H. Rutherford—The House should know all about it. Mr. H. G. Perry as he who supported this bill, believing that it is an attempt at a solution of the P.G.E. problem. I do not want to be made an innocent victim of any nefarious scheme, and I would like the fullest information.

Hon. Dr. MacLean said that the House should have substantial information from either or both of the two honorable members opposite who had this information. "There is a suggestion of possible wrongdoing," he said. "I know of all the negotiations that were going on, and if there is anything that the House should know it is the honorable member to bring it forward openly, honorably and frankly."

Possible Contract Involved

The Leader of the Opposition said that the information he obtained on Friday that there was involved a possible contract concerning some thirteen billion feet of spruce timber capable of keeping a 500-ton pulp plant going in perpetuity, and that very big interests were engaged in the negotiations. This timber area was one of the bright spots of the whole area.

The Minister of Lands said that the Government or the Crown was fully protected in that it had the right to set aside any portion for a reserve.

Mr. Pooley complained that all the information he had about the P.G.E. to help him in regard to it was a small map.

Mr. Perry said that he had been in the House six sessions, and had information from voluminous reports which were available to every member. He disputed the fact that there was such a large stand of timber and remarked that it amounted to ten million cords.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo interposed that it was ten million feet.

Premier Ready to Resign

"There you are," interjected the Conservative Leader, "one Government supporter says it is cords and a Minister tells us it is feet."

Brigadier Odium said that if he learned that there were any interferences at work he would take a strong stand. The whole tenor of the present complaint would apparently be devised to magnify the value of the area to serve political ends.

Premier Oliver—if any member inside this House or out of it, will prove what has been suggested, I will resign.

"This bill," said the Premier, "has emanated from the Government and its supporters with no influence from outside. I give my most positive assurance that for several months past there have been no negotiations with regard to this measure. If this Bill is defeated," added the Premier, "I will resign as Premier of this province."

Major Allan Lyons said that he had attended regularly the meetings of the Conservative party, but this was the first intimation that he had of the matter. He too, asked for more time to discuss the Bill.

Premier Oliver—I do not expect the House to assemble again for twelve months, and you have all that time in which to replenish your knowledge.

Portland Telegram Received

Mr. Hinchliffe then produced a file of correspondence from which he quoted a telegram from a Portland corporation notifying the Government that their tender was forthcoming for the P.G.E. and asking for the Government's decision. He also read a letter from the firm enclosing a draft of a bill that it was suggested should be passed by the Legislature. Included in this draft bill was a clause which committed the province to grant in fee simple without encumbrance, fifteen million acres of land.

The speaker also quoted from correspondence indicating that the Attorney-General had inquired as to the standing of a man named Wilson who was connected in the offer. The reply was to the effect that he was a man of influence and financial standing and absolutely reliable. The file disclosed that the Attorney-General had secured this information from his brother-in-law.

Premier Gave It Out

"It seems to me, Mr. Chairman," said Mr. Hinchliffe, "there is a remarkable resemblance between the clause in this draft bill from Portland and the clause in the P.G.E. Bill enabling the land grant to be made."

Premier Oliver—Is that a copy or the original of the file?

Mr. Hinchliffe—It is the original, which was handed to us by the Premier.

Premier Oliver—The correspondence in this matter was placed in the hands of my friend on the condition that it would not be fair to make it public. I will leave it to the members to say whether they think it right to make public confidential correspondence obtained in that way and then to disclose names. This is not the work of a man of honor.

Mr. H. G. Perry—Do I understand that the correspondence was handed over by the Premier?

Premier Oliver—I am speaking from memory—there was a request for the correspondence, and I stated it was not advisable to make public the names of the people with whom we were negotiating and likely to do business. I placed the information I had in the hands of my friends opposite, and this is the treatment I get for trusting them.

"There is a communication on the file that states that these people withdrew from the undertaking," added the Premier.

The Attorney-General said the matter was discussed at the time by the Government, who were anxious to have a report on these people. "I told them I would send for a report from my brother-in-law. The Government said they would like to have it in writing. I took the initiative and wrote to my brother-in-law asking him to make inquiries."

After further discussion Mr. Pooley's amendment was lost, and Premier Oliver's amendment compelling reference to the Legislature before any sale could be made was carried, and the committee rose and reported.

Sydney, Australia, Feels Earthquake Noted Here

A radio broadcast from The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, stating that Sydney, Australia, had experienced one of the most violent earthquakes of many years, forms an interesting supplement to the announcement made by Mr. Napier Denison, director of the Dominion Meteorological Bureau, Gonzales Heights, that the instrument had had a disturbance a disturbance early yesterday morning. The first wave was recorded here at 8:22 o'clock, and the tremors continued for over two hours.

Mr. Denison estimated the centre of the disturbance as about 5,500 miles distant. "Probably in a southwesterly direction, and under the Pacific Ocean," he said.

Some idea of the intensity of the shock felt at Sydney, Australia, may be gained from the supplementary paragraph in the dispatch. "That so far as could be ascertained no severe damage had been done, nor lives lost."

Trapper-Slayer at Oakalla

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—Self-confessed slayer of Alex. Ducharme, his partner, at Chilco Lake, on November 4, Fred Cyr, prospector and trapper, has arrived here, under escort of Provincial police, from Williams Lake, and has been lodged in Oakalla Jail pending trial on a murder charge at the Prince George assizes, which will open on January 13.

Reported Killed by Wolves

NORTH HAVY, Ont., Dec. 19.—Fear is felt for the safety of O. Fleury, well-known Ville Marie trapper, who, according to reports current in the South Lorrain district, was killed and devoured by wolves while inspecting his trap lines last week.

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Alleged "Big Cheese" Gets In Too Late

Non-Appearance of Mr. W. T. McArthur in Time to Testify Causes Member's Withdrawal

Heated Action Is Result of Delay

Counsel for Vancouver Breweries Objects to Published Statements Regarding Profits of Companies

CHARGING that Mr. W. T. McArthur, the alleged Vancouver "Big Cheese" of the beer investigation, was being withheld, Mr. H. Despard Twigg, Conservative, Victoria, made a dramatic withdrawal from the Public Accounts Committee meeting yesterday morning, after stating that he "was afraid he was of no further use to the committee."

The committee convened at 10 o'clock. As the minutes flitted by and the hour for the sitting of the House drew closer, no witnesses took the stand. Finally, after an argument with Major Burde, Mr. Twigg said:

"Mr. Chairman, I wish to make a protest. In the first place Mr. Shannon has not been properly subpoenaed and has not been produced. In the second place Mr. McArthur is not here today, and in my opinion has been withheld."

"Those statements are not true," exclaimed Mr. H. F. Kergin, Liberal, A.I.L., Secretary of the Committee.

"I am afraid I am of no further use to this committee," Mr. Twigg flung over his shoulder as he left the room.

Remarks Criticized

Captain Ian MacKenzie, Liberal, Vancouver, Chairman of the Committee, declared that that body had deliberated long and worked harder than any former committee in his experience, and intimated that Mr. Twigg's remarks were unjustified.

"There's no question of Mr. Twigg's conduct but himself," remarked Major Burde.

Mr. Kergin declared that both witnesses named by Mr. Twigg had been subpoenaed by the Provincial Police, and read telegrams and messages to show that he had left nothing undone to secure the appearance of the two men before the committee.

"I'll leave it to the committee whether there is anything in Mr. Twigg's statement," he concluded.

"Mr. Twigg told me that he had got enough out of Mr. Shannon and didn't want Mr. McArthur," Major Burde declared. "That's the statement he made to me."

On motion of Mr. C. S. Leary, Kestel-Slocan, the committee passed a resolution endorsing the actions of the secretary in calling witnesses.

Objection Registered

Col. H. L. Tobin, counsel for the Vancouver breweries, registered objection to statements appearing in Friday's edition of the afternoon paper to the effect that Mr. F. Holmes, chartered accountant, had given evidence showing that breweries were now making a profit of fifty-one per cent on cost. Col. Tobin pointed out that the computation of the accountant had been based on figures supplied by Mr. James Fairall of prices prevailing prior to 1925.

Mr. Rudolph Samet, brewery manager, then gave evidence to the effect that present day prices of material and labor were higher than those of the year which Mr. Fairall had had in mind. He was still on the stand when the bell was rung calling members to the assembly.

A few minutes after the committee had adjourned, Mr. McArthur appeared in the corridors.

Larger Stores Here Agree on Closing

Some, However, Will Not Close on Saturday, Though Many Have Promised to Do So

The principal stores in the city, including the two department stores, will be open until six o'clock tomorrow evening, will remain open until nine o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, and until ten o'clock on Christmas Eve.

Owing to the majority of the stores having decided to close on Thursday night until Monday morning, strong recommendation is made to housewives to lay in an adequate stock of provisions over the festive season.

An inquiry has been made among the principal traders of the city with regard to the attitude to be adopted to closing on Saturday night in view of the decision to regard it as a Provincial holiday, at any rate so far as civil servants are concerned.

As far as can be learned there will not be uniformity of action on the matter, some classes of stores being open, while others will remain closed. It is too early to list those classes which will agree to uniform action, but the majority seem inclined to follow the larger stores and respect the closing principle, owing to the usual slump in business which follows the exceptional pressure of the Christmas shopping season.

Dickens' Daughter Proud She Never Started Writing

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Kate Perugini, last surviving daughter of Charles Dickens, who has just celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday, takes pride in the fact that she has never made any attempt at literary achievements.

Mrs. Perugini remembers all the great contemporaries of her father—Thackeray, George Eliot and other early Victorians. She remembers her father more than any other member of the family.

The waiter in the railway refreshment buffet came lately to the long suffering customer.

"Tax or coffee, sir?" he asked.

"Don't tell me," begged the other earnestly. "Bring it along, and just let me guess."

City & District

Presenting Calendars—The Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., is presenting I.O.D.E. patriotic calendars to every classroom in the Boys' Central School.

Kumtuka Club—The fortnightly luncheon of the Kumtuka Club will be held tomorrow at one o'clock in Spencer's dining-room, when Miss Paul will address the club.

McArthur Club—A special meeting of the McBride Conservative Club will be held at Harmony Hall on Tuesday evening, when arrangements will be made for the ball.

Lectures Postponed—The Victoria British-Israel Association will hold no further meetings until Monday, December 21, when the series of lectures on the Great Pyramid will commence in Christ Church Memorial Hall.

Y.W.C.A. Bible Class—The Rev. Mr. Gladstone will conduct a Bible class at the Y.W.C.A. this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the subject being the Book of Hebrews. This will be the third of a series of lessons which will last for about two months, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Save the Children Fund—F. Landsberg, treasurer of the Save the Children Fund, requests that any person wishing to contribute to the fund will do so before December 30, as the contributions will be forwarded to headquarters on December 31. Contributions can be left at 641 Fort Street.

To Give Pantomime—The Pantomime "Little Red Riding Hood," by the pupils of the North Saanich School, will be given in the West Saanich Women's Institute Hall on Monday, December 21, at 8:30 p.m., under the auspices of the North Saanich Social Club.

Address on Motion Pictures—The services to commence at 7:30 tonight at the Royal Victoria Theatre, will be followed by an address by Mr. H. R. Criddle, representative of the Canadian Motion Pictures Incorporated, on the subject of the motion picture in British Columbia.

Saanich Ratepayers—An important meeting of the Saanich General Ratepayers' Association will be held on Monday night next, at 8 o'clock, in Tolmie School, Holeside Road. Business will include the consideration of reports of the various ward ratepayers' meetings held this week. Dr. R. L. Healey, Health Officer for Saanich, will be asked to attend the gathering.

Equimait War Memorial

A well-attended meeting of the Equimait War Memorial Committee was held on Wednesday. All reports prove that satisfactory progress is being made. A letter was written to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his handsome donation of \$100 to the fund. Mr. Ravenscroft, architect, placed a model of proposed memorial before the committee for their consideration. The next meeting will be called by the chairman, due notice of which will be given.

Lumbermen's Technical Classes

Owing to the closing of the high school for the Christmas vacation, there will not be a class on Monday evening. Since the first meeting, at the end of October, from fifty to over ninety men connected with the mill in the city have been in attendance. In addition to the classes on the classification, grading and dressing rules, given by Mr. Healey, of Vancouver, the grading inspector of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, talks to the students have been given on the commercial woods of the Province, log scaling, lumber dressing and sawing.

Bill Killed by Majority of Ten

Westholme Lumber Co. Fails to Re-Open Arbitration Proceedings

The private Bill designed to reopen and force to arbitration the long-standing dispute between the City of Victoria and the Westholme Lumber Company over the construction of the Sooke Lake water system went down to defeat in the Legislature yesterday morning by a vote of sixteen to twenty-six, on a motion to give it its second reading.

Mr. Joshua Hinchcliffe declared that Capt. Ian McKenna, Liberal Member for Victoria, had brought little credit to himself by introducing the Bill. The Hon. Member for Vancouver had pleaded that the contractor had been impoverished through the undertaking and had been deprived of his rights by scheming municipal politicians. As a matter of fact, it was known that the contractor was a shrewd man who had done very well for himself.

The courts had already rendered their decision on the dispute, Mr. Hinchcliffe said. The case had been taken to the Privy Council. To pass the Bill would be to set aside repeated decisions of courts.

"This Bill will be a very dangerous thing if allowed to pass, Mr. Hinchcliffe concluded.

Mr. C. F. Davis, Conservative, Cowichan-Newcastle, speaking as a member of the Private Bills Committee, said that that body had given the Bill very careful consideration and had gone carefully into the arguments of counsel for both sides before reporting the Bill.

Mr. Davis paid a tribute to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. H. F. Kergin, Liberal member for Fort George. Mr. Perry had been absolutely impartial and had shown himself to be possessed of such legal acumen as he had never before experienced in a layman, Mr. Davis said. The Bill had been given careful consideration. Mr. Davis declared, and he proposed to stand by it.

He had been a member of the Legislature for six sessions. Mr. Perry said he could not recall a committee that worked with a better spirit of co-operation than this year's body.

Unemployment in Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—More than 610,000 unemployed persons in Germany are receiving public relief, it was announced yesterday. The unemployed receiving relief have increased from 443,000 on November 4 to the present figure.

Name of Old Cariboo Road Is Preserved

House Votes to Give Ancient Title to Fraser Canyon Section of New Trans-Provincial Highway

The Transprovincial Highway was officially named by the Legislature, in so far as the Fraser Canyon section of it is concerned, as the Cariboo Road. This came before the members in the form of a resolution yesterday moved by Mr. D. A. Stoddart, member for Cariboo, and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Stoddart reviewed the early history of the famous Cariboo Road, built in the sixties, which was destroyed when the railroads built through the rock-ribbed valley of the Fraser, between Yale and Lytton. He said that the old name revived old associations and recalled the heroism of the early days. It had a real value as an advertisement of the country.

Mr. R. H. Pooley said that he was pleased to associate himself with this resolution, and recalled the stories told of the old Cariboo Road days by his father.

Mr. H. G. Perry also spoke in favor of the motion, as did the Hon. J. D. MacLean, the Hon. T. D. Pattullo and Mr. Bart Kergin.

Jail Visitor: "Are you in for life, my poor fellow?"

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Mrs. R. W. Pearce, of Kobe, Japan, recently returned from an extended visit in England and on the Continent and who, with her daughter Cathleen, are guests at the Empress Hotel, was guest of honor at a delightful tea on Friday afternoon, given in her honor by Mrs. J. E. Umbach, Wellington Avenue. The invited guests were: Mrs. R. W. Pearce, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. J. M. Ross, Mrs. W. H. Sutherland, Mrs. J. D. MacLean, Mrs. Strangman, Mrs. E. M. Pearce, Mrs. W. T. Barrett, Mrs. W. J. H. Holmes, Mrs. Don Martyn, Mrs. H. P. Hodges, Mrs. Pangman, Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. G. Sauls, Mrs. F. G. Aldous, Mrs. B. Hall, Mrs. J. B. Clearhue, Mrs. H. A. Whillans, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. C. M. Hinde, Mrs. Broddy, Mrs. H. Hinton, Mrs. G. Bucklin, Miss Bucklin, Mrs. F. M. Bryant, Mrs. D. McLean, Mrs. A. N. Mount, Mrs. E. C. Hayward, Mrs. Alah Campbell, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Stuart Henderson, Mrs. R. J. Robertson, Mrs. H. Eakin, Mrs. Stewart and the Misses Kathleen and Helen Colman. The tea table was set with a beautiful chrysanthemum and was presided over by Mrs. C. W. Rhodes and Mrs. Raymur. Mrs. John Jackson cut the loaves. Mrs. Aldous presided at the table with a number of notes and was accompanied by Mrs. B. Hall.

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Scotch Again "Wet"

GLASGOW, Dec. 19.—Sixteen parishes in Lanarkshire, Scotland, have just voted on local option under the Scotch Temperance Act and have gone wet by large majorities. In two of the parishes there has been a remarkable reversal in favor of the return of the sale of liquor. Five years ago these two places voted the licensed public houses out of existence.

First Baptists Will Use New Quarters Soon

The First Baptist Church will occupy the Metropolitan Institute, formerly the First Congregational Church, by arrangement with the authorities of the Metropolitan United Church, after the New Year.

The temporary premises used for church purposes at the corner of Quadra Street and Yates Street will be demolished.

The question of a permanent site for a church will be taken in hand; building fund has already been inaugurated.

Kingston Street School Gives Christmas Concert

December sunshine at its brightest was reflected in some eight score little faces on Friday morning, when the pupils of the Kingston Street School met for the Christmas closing exercises.

Mothers and baby brothers and sisters were present in great numbers to listen to the singing and recitations, and teachers and children were their holiday clothes in honor of the occasion. The little people, under the guidance of their teachers, had decorated the room with greenery from near-by woods and holly and other bright berries which had been kindly contributed. Chains and other decorative objects which had formed the children's handwork for several days were hung about and a Christmas tree, with decorations lent from several homes occupied a place of honor.

The small pupils entered in the strains of a merry march, took their places and began the exercises with the singing of a number of Christmas carols, which were word perfect and charmingly sung. Each class contributed its part to the programme which followed, the motion songs being especially pretty. When the children returned to their own rooms a welcome and unexpected treat in the shape of a big candy walking stick was given to each.

Charged With Irish Murder

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—William Marshall, wanted in Coal Island, County Tyrone, Ireland, on a charge of murdering John O'Neill in a fight which occurred in August, 1921, between Sinn Féin and Republicans, was placed under arrest here. Three men already have been acquitted of murdering O'Neill, who was shot to death. Marshall was a soldier during the war, and came to Canada in 1922.

Women's Clubs and Societies

Christmas Hampers
The Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., wishes to thank all those who have so generously contributed to the Christmas hampers shower for soldiers and their dependents, and to urge those who have not made a donation to do so as the need is very urgent. The room (106), Hamley Building, will be open Monday morning, when belated contributions will be welcome. Following is a list of donations: Mrs. Storrier Brown, 12; Mrs. L. A. Genge, 15; Gonzales Chapter, 10; Mrs. Curtis Sampson, 15; Mrs. Crook and Miss Dukes, 11.25; Mrs. C. P. Todd, 15; Miss Wiley, 11; Robert Burns McMicking Chapter, 10; Mrs. J. A. Gillespie, canned goods and jam; Miss Kathleen Hall, four plum puddings; Miss Streetfield, jam; Mrs. O. R. Parker, jam, nuts, raisins and figs; Mrs. D. Miller, oranges, soup, pork and beans, jelly and eggs; Mrs. Davis, jam and raisins; Mrs. P. A. Irving, six Christmas cakes and puddings, four boxes of bonbons and box of groceries; Mrs. R. W. Gibson, two Christmas cakes and three plum puddings.

Lodge Primrose
A special meeting of Lodge Primrose, No. 32, Daughters and Maids of England, was held in Harmony Hall on Friday evening. Worthy President, Sister Joyce, presided. Following the meeting the anniversary banquet was held. Lodge Primrose was inaugurated in December, 1913, and has been growing financially and numerically since that time. After the customary toast list, the secretary read the annual report, which showed that forty-one new members had been initiated this year. The lodge funds have benefited many worthy causes. Sisters Hall and Jackson greatly pleased the members with their songs, and Sister Langley recited. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and community singing. Sister Tippet playing for the dancing.

Masquerade Dance
The ladies of Court Maple Leaf and Triumph, A.O.P., are working hard to make their first masquerade dance they are holding on New Year's Eve, in the new Foresters' Hall, Cormorant Street, a big success. Hunt's orchestra will be there with all the latest music. There will be cards for those who do not dance. The grand march will be opened at 10 o'clock, led by Maid Marion and Robin Hood. Eight good prizes will be given, also special. Mr. Colby and Mr. Brewer will act as M.C.'s for the evening, and Mr. Bleathman and Mr. Mansell will be in charge of the door.

Liberal-Conservative Club
The Equinuit Liberal-Conservative Association held a successful whist drive in the Ball Room, Friday evening. Twenty-three tables were in play. The successful contestants were, first lady, Mrs. Stewart; second lady, Mrs. C. Suddler; third lady, Mrs. Walden. The consolation prize was won by Mrs. Jones. First gentleman, Mr. Porter; second gentleman, Mr. Brewster; third gentleman, Mr. Fae. The consolation prize went to Mr. Craven.

Burnside Bowling Club
At the Burnside Lawn Bowling Club social gathering last evening, the contest which has been in progress for the previous four Saturday evenings was concluded. Eleven turkeys were awarded among the members and friends, as well as several consolation prizes. The winning cards were numbers 107, 222, 205, 112, 194, 61, 29, 187, 300, 244. Mr. Iyng was high man in the keen cutting contest.

Winners of Raffles
The following are the winners of the raffles of the Sunshine Club of Victoria Chapter No. 17, O.E.S. Hand-made bag, No. 125, Mrs. Fanthrop, Spencer's Ltd.; one dozen photos, donated by Gibson, No. 243, H. Hayer, B.C. Telephone Co.; doll, No. 23, Mrs. Turner, 1286 Pembroke Street; bride's doll, No. 166, Mrs. J. Collier, 504 Burnside Road.

Dr. O. M. Jones Chapter
Members of the Dr. O. M. Jones Chapter, I.O.D.E., are requested to bring their contributions for the I.O.D.E. Christmas hampers to headquarters, Hamley Building, at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. The doll-guessing contest from the recent bazaar will also be disposed of. All members are asked to attend.

Daughters of Pity
The Daughters of Pity will meet at

Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont



Gray seems to be coming back into its own for Fall. We see grey frocks for day and evening, and we see a number of grey fur coats. The model sketched above is grey sheared lamb. A feature of the coat is the applied bands of the grey lamb, which are cut to curve upward at the sides. The deep, soft collar and the cuffs are of grey fox. Single grey fox scarfs, by the way, are being worn with cloth coats.



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the home of Miss Sylvester, 1714 Fort Street, tomorrow evening, December 21, to make wreaths for the Children's Ward and decorate fruit boxes for the aged men in the Jubilee Hospital.

Women's Institutes

Royal Oak
The annual meeting of Royal Oak Women's Institute took place on Wednesday, Mrs. W. Peden presiding in the chair. Mrs. Nicholson read an excellent report of the institute work for the past year. Mrs. Reed, secretary, gave a satisfactory financial report showing receipts for \$753, expenditure \$705, with a balance of \$48 on hand. This was about any government grants. Reports of standing committees were left over to January meeting.

Correspondence was read from the Local Council of Women, and resolutions and nominations were left in the hands of the executive. A letter of apology was read from Mr. Nixon. Mrs. Reed reported all in readiness for caterpillar contest prizes to be presented at the school concert the evening of December 17. Fifteen distributed prizes to ten contestants with a collection of 5,234 cents, first prize going to Alfred Ilanco, 1,400 cents; second to Percy Ilanco, 1,494; third to Robbie Brown, 556; fourth to L. Steve, 616; fifth to Harold Whitehead, 325; sixth to Archie Campbell, 302; seventh to Lay Maynard, 75 eighth to Victor Ilanco, 29; ninth to Heryl Whitehead, 24; tenth to Dorothy Allison, 15. The sum of \$12.50 and three books went to first, second and third prize winners. A vote of thanks was accorded the Victoria Farmers' Institute and the British Fruitgrowers' Association for their contributions towards the prizes, also the Department of Agriculture for three juvenile books. The eighth series of sewing classes is to be held at the residence of Mrs. H. H. Pinhorn on January 4, when Mrs. Pinhorn will demonstrate wool rug making. The sixth of the series of card parties will be held at home of Mrs. J. G. Nicholson on January 17. A vote of sympathy was extended to a sick member, Mrs. V. R. MacLaurin, and flowers are to be sent. Election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. H. Hodgson, president; Mrs. M. J. Nicholson, vice-president; Mrs. L. Reed, secretary; Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. Wilkinson, directors. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers and to Mrs. W. Peden. Two new members were enrolled. Mrs. Creed and Mrs. Wilkinson. Afternoon tea was served by the hostesses of the day, Mrs. M. Pinhorn and Mrs. M. J. Nicholson.

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Your Birthday

December 20—You are self-confident, truthful, constant and patient. You are methodical in your work, usually punctual in keeping appointments, and careful in your dress. You are home-loving in your tastes, although you have many outside interests. You are very affectionate, but not demonstrative. Don't let ambition make you forget love. Your birthstone is the turquoise, which means prosperity. Your flower is holly. Your lucky color is pink.

December 21—You are hopeful and brave, and your plans generally succeed. You are determined, shrewd, and persevering. You have many good friends, and very few enemies. You are fond of your home, love children, demonstrative in your love, and generally bright and cheerful. Beware of jealousy. Your birthstone is the turquoise, which means prosperity. Your flower is holly. Your lucky color is pink.

Regimental Orders

No. 27, Battalion Orders, Part I, by Captain J. Wise, Commanding, 1st Battalion (14th Bn. C.R.P.), the Canadian Scottish Regiment, Victoria, B.C., December 17, 1925:

1. Duties—Duties for the week ending Tuesday, January 12, 1926. Officer of the week, Captain P. H. M. Wallis, M.C., Battalion Order Sergeant, C.R.M., W. J. Lacey, next for duty. Sergeant J. T. Forsyth, Battalion Order Corporal, Corporal R. Watson, next for duty, Corporal M. McConnell.

2. Training—Battalion training will be suspended from this date until Tuesday, January 5, 1926. 3. Parties—The Battalion will parade at the Drill Hall, Bay Street, on Tuesday, January 5, 1926, at 8:15 p.m. Dress—Drill Order.

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Good Amateur Hockey Games Expected Monday

Shells Will Take on Tilliums in Opener, Followed by Colonist and Navy—League Leadership at Stake in First Tilt; Second Names Cellar Occupant

Plenty of thrills are promised in the two amateur hockey games which will be played tomorrow night at the Willows Arena. In the first game between the Shells and Tilliums the leadership will be at stake, while the second game between the Colonist and the Navy will determine which team will occupy the cellar position for the time being. Ed. Deibel will referee both matches and will call the teams into action at 8 o'clock sharp.

The Tilliums for their game with the Shells will have a much stronger team than on their initial appearance. At the workout held during the week a number of new players turned up and Manager Campbell figures that he has a bunch that will give the oilmen plenty of competition.

In the first game against the Navy the Tilliums, considering the little amount of practice they had, showed up well and demonstrated that they have a team that will be strong contenders for the pennant when they get into shape. The veteran Percy Watson, in goal for the clubmen, put up an exhibition that was a treat to watch, and the work of Ross Miller, on the forward line, and Heccher, on the defence, delighted the fans.

Oilmen Have Same Team
The oilmen will have practically the same team as on their first appearance. In their game against the Colonist the oilers' fine combination work was pretty to watch, while the individual rushes of Burnett drew much applause. Ross Miller, who purloined three goals in the last game, will be out on the right wing and expects to add a couple more to fatten his average.

A number of strenuous practices through the week have greatly improved the Navy team, and they are confident that they will be able to shove the Colonist into the cellar position. A new system of combination play has been introduced into their game and they look like a different team.

Muir Is Winner At Badminton

Doubles Champion of B.C. Defeats Sir George Thomas of Visiting English Team

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—Furnishing the surprise of this afternoon's programme, J. A. Muir, the champion of British Columbia, defeated Sir George Thomas, holder of the English badminton title for several years, at the Drift Hall here. Muir played a brilliant aggressive game, his spectacular smashes being the feature of the match, the score of which was 15-12, 15-4.

The affair was staged as part of the visit of the English players under the auspices of the Tiki Recreation Club. A thousand people attended. Muir, present British singles champion, took exactly thirteen minutes to dispose of McTaggart (Cowan, champion of Canada), while the former's most convincing games since arrival in the Dominion. The scores were 15-12, 15-0. Cowan's showing was disappointing.

Sir George Thomas and Devin beat Muir and Gorges, 15-12, 15-8. Martin beat Jones, 15-10, 11-15. Both players being members of the visiting team. Devin and Hachorn drew with Martin and Swindon, 15-8 and 14-17. In the last two matches Swindon and Jones defeated Muir and Thomas and Mrs. Partridge defeated Devin and Miss Gorges, 15-13 and 17-14.

The English players leave for the East on Monday morning, playing only in New York en route home.

Old Country Football

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Football games played today resulted as follows:

English League—First Division
Birmingham 1, Arsenal 0.
Blackburn 0, Leicester 0.
Bury 4, West Ham 1.
Cardiff 3, Burnley 3.
Everton 2, Bolton 1.
Huddersfield 2, Notts County 0.
Manchester 3, Newcastle 2.
Sheffield U. 3, Liverpool 1.
Barnsley 3, Bolton 2.
Tottenham 3, Leeds 2.

Second Division
Barnsley 3, Preston 3.
Blackpool 1, The Wednesday 0.
Bradford City 0, Fulham 0.
Chelsea 0, Portsmouth 0.
Clapton 1, Middlesbrough 3.
Darlington 3, Swansea 2.
Derby County 4, Hockport 8.
Hull City 3, Wolverhampton 1.
Notts Forest 1, Oldham 1.
Preston 2, South Shields 2.
Southampton 1, Stoke City 2.

Third Division—Southern Section
Aberdeen 0, Bristol Rovers 1.
Brentford 1, Reading 0.
Brighton and Hove 3, Watford 1.
Bristol City 4, Charlton 0.
Crystal Palace 2, Bournemouth 1.
Millwall 7, Luton 0.

Third Division—Northern Section
Aberdeen 3, Chesterfield 0.
Barrow 5, Wallasey 3.
Coventry City 3, Rochdale 1.
Crewe Alex. 3, Rotherham 1.
Doncaster Rovers 4, Durham City 1.
Lincoln City 0, Halifax 1.
Nelson 7, Tranmere Rovers 0.
New Brighton 1, Grimsby 4.
Southport 1, Accrington 1.
Wigan 1, Bradford 3.

Fourth Division—First Division
Aberdeen 4, Clydebank 1.
Celtic 2, Airdrie 3.



ROSS MILLER
Star right-winger of the Shells, who will be seen in action against the Tilliums in the first game at the Willows Arena tomorrow night. Miller is the opening star on the forward line.

ferent team. A number of changes have been made in their line-up which tends to strengthen their defence and give more pep to their forward division.

Manager Bill McAllister, of the Colonist, will have the same team out as last week and expects to have his first win of the season chalked up. A reorganization of the positions of the players was in progress during the practice and his team shapes much better.

Pats and Pirates Tied at Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—St. Patrick's of Toronto, and Pittsburgh Pirates battled to a 1-1 tie in the N.H.L. game here tonight. It furnished eighty minutes of nerve-racking hockey that kept the big audience in the arena on its feet.

Up to the 15-minute mark the game was a draw, but then St. Pat's only goal. There was no scoring in the second frame, and McCarry tied the score in the last session. The game followed twenty minutes overtime, when there were many close tries but no scoring.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Canadiens triumphed over Boston Bruins 6-5 in a N.H.L. fixture here tonight. It was a fairly fast exhibition of hockey, and one cleanly played. Joliat and Moreau starred for Canadiens. Cooper and Herberts were best for Boston.

Cowdenheath 2, Queen's Park 1 (abandoned).
Dundee United 2, Rangers 1.
Hamilton 3, St. Mirren 2.
Hibernians-Morton, postponed.
Kilmarnock 2, Falkirk 2.
Motherwell 3, Hearts 1.
Partick Thistle 2, Inverness 1.
St. Johnstone 0, Dundee 0.

Second Division

Albion 2, Dornock 0, postponed.
Arbroath 1, Clyde 0.
Armadale 0, Dunfermline 5.
Broxburn-Allea, postponed.
Dumfries 4, King's Park 1.
East Fife 7, Bathgate 3.
East Stirling 0, Stenhousemuir 3.
Queen of South 0, Third Lanark 3.
St. Bernard-Ayr United postponed.

Irish League
Larne 2, Burn 0.
Queen's Island 1, Glenavon 0.
Drogheda 1, Cliftonville 1.
Neerstown 2, Glenties 1.
Portlaoise 2, Ards 2.
Celtic 5, Linfield 2.

Rugby—Irish International Trial
Leinster 27, Munster 11.

Rugby Union
Blackheath 8, Richmond 2.
Guy's Hospital 13, Portsmouth Services 13.

London Scottish 3, Roslyn Park 10.
Old Leysians 5, London Irish 0.
Old Alleynians 8, St. Boris 12.
Gloucester 10, Harlequins 14.
Northampton 24, Old Merchant-Taylor 5.
Coventry 33, Birmingham University 13.

Rugby League
Broughton Rovers 0, Wigan 19.
Dewsbury 13, Featherstone R. 2.
Halifax 9, Hull Kingston 10.
Hull 25, Bradford 7.

Rugby League
Hunslet 12, Warrington 5.
Keighley 14, Leeds 12.
Oldham 17, Leigh 3.
Rochdale 8, St. Helens 8.
Rugby 12, Warrington 5.
St. Helens 9, Swinton 10.
Wakefield 2, Batley 3.
Wigan High 5, Bramley 0.
York 18, Widnes 7.

"Just think! He left her as they stood before the altar!"
"Did he courage leave him at the last moment?"
"No," he returned.

How They Stand

Team	P	W	L	D	P	A	Pt.
Saskatoon	7	5	0	2	18	10	10
Portland	8	4	3	1	24	16	9
Vancouver	8	1	3	4	11	4	4
Edmonton	8	1	3	4	11	4	4
Calgary	4	0	3	1	4	11	1

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Edmonton 9, Vancouver 4.

COMING GAMES

Monday: Victoria at Saskatoon and Vancouver at Calgary.

Wednesday: Victoria at Edmonton, Friday (Christmas Day): Victoria at Portland at Edmonton.

Saturday: Portland at Saskatoon.

INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Camron, Saskatoon	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trapp, Portland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oliver, Calgary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Townsend, Portland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Walker, Victoria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hart, Victoria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Andrews, Victoria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
F. Cook, Saskatoon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dukewalski, Portland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Newcombe, Portland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moran, Vancouver	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Duray, Portland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reichmann, Vancouver	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jordan, Saskatoon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosenkrantz, Saskatoon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spencer, Calgary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Macfarlane, Calgary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Baner, Calgary	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ward, Vancouver	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Trush, Portland	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pharr, Edmonton	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ostman, Calgary	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

ROUNDING THIRD

by Hugh A. Jennings

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CHAPTER XVII

Joe McGinnity, The Iron Man
Joe McGinnity, who earned the nickname of "Iron Man," was really a better fielder than pitcher. He was probably the best fielding pitcher of all time, and much of his success as a pitcher was due to his defensive ability.

McGinnity was a pitcher on the style of Carl Mays, a strictly underhand worker. He did not go so low as Mays in delivering the ball, his pitching hand passing just above the knee. His best delivery was the underhand raise ball, still famous by the nickname of "Old Sal." His control was always good.

The competitive instinct that you hear and read so much about was highly developed in McGinnity. He loved to pitch and he loved to win. He liked the tight going, and he was always willing to work. Brooklyn won the championship in 1922, and in 1923 we seemed on our way to a

as McGinnity pitched, was scrambling to his feet when the ball was fielded. If he started for third he was certain to be thrown out, and if he did not start then the play would be made at first and the batter retired without the runner advancing. It never failed to work, and it is a play so simple and so successful that I have always wondered why it is not used in these days.

I have never seen a pitcher with more confidence in himself than McGinnity had. He was so cock-sure of his fielding ability that he would take any sort of chance, throwing to any base under any circumstance, and this fielding ability lifted him out of many tight spots. He did a great deal of pitching in his day and he led the National League pitchers in 1920; but all the pitching must not have taken much from him, for at 34 he was still pitching doubleheaders. Not another pitcher that the game has produced did that.



second consecutive title. Late in the season the Pittsburgh team, as was its habit even then, suddenly erupted and began sweeping toward first place. Pittsburgh went through the East like a prairie fire, and finally came to Brooklyn for the series that was to decide the pennant. McGinnity pitched the first game and won it for Brooklyn. Jerry Nops started the second game and was knocked out in the seventh inning. McGinnity went to his relief, finished the game and held Pittsburgh helpless while Brooklyn pounded out a victory. McGinnity took a day off the next day and we lost, but in the fourth and deciding game of the series McGinnity started again and pitched Brooklyn to her third victory in four days. By winning that series Brooklyn clinched the championship.

Clever Strategy

McGinnity was the first pitcher who tried to make batters sacrifice. He had worked out a defense for this play. McGinnity instructed his first baseman to come in and cover the right side of the diamond while McGinnity would cover the left. As soon as he delivered the ball he was out of the box and moving.

If there was a runner on second and the situation called for a bunt McGinnity had another play worked out, in which the shortstop participated. McGinnity would stand in the box ready to deliver the ball. The shortstop would yell a signal and dash for second. The runner, naturally, would scramble back, sliding to the bag to prevent the shortstop tagging him out. But McGinnity would not make the throw to second. He pitched to the batter instead, sending up a half-speed ball right through the heart of the plate. The latter bunted. Either McGinnity or the first baseman would field the ball. The runner on second, having slid back into the bag

Walter Johnson is another pitcher that lasted a long time. With all his terrific speed, he continued going along as a winning pitcher with a weak club except at the tail end of his career. I well remember the day Johnson made his debut. He was just in from Weiser, Idaho, and he was started against Detroit, because Detroit in those days used Washington as a stepping stone. He was big and one of the most awkward men I have ever seen. I immediately ordered the Detroit players to bunt, and they did. Johnson did not field a bunt. This fault enabled us to beat him, 2 to 1, but we taught him a lesson. The next morning Johnson appeared at the ball park and bunted. He did not continue this practice every day until he mastered it. In that game, his first in the majors, Johnson showed the same blinding speed that carried him to baseball fame. He not alone had speed, but he had good control.

Instant Success

Johnson is one of the few pitchers that came from the minors to the majors and made good right at the start. Pitchers and catchers need more education than players in any other position. The battery men generally have to spend several seasons in the minors getting experience before they can break into the major league circle; and even after they get on the payroll of a big league club, they must be around a season or two before they can be used as regulars. Go down the list of successful big league pitchers and you will find a very few that were worked regularly in their first year in the big show. Nearly all of their time was spent on the bench. Occasionally they were sent in when a game was absolutely won or absolutely lost, but otherwise they were merely spectators in uniform. Johnson was an exception.

Racing at Tijuana

TIJUANA, Mex. 19—Results of racing here today follow:

First race, five furlongs—1. Kinetic, 109 (Baker), \$15.40, \$4.20, \$2.30; 2. Polite, 101 (Connor), \$7.40, \$4.80; 3. Little Hope, 99 (Wallis), \$8. Time, 1:02 3-5.

Second race, one mile—1. Tight, 99 (Munden), \$8, \$3.40, \$2.60; 2. Lank, 96 (Jones), \$13, \$4.80; 3. Jay Roberts, 99 (Buckley), \$3, Time, 1:43.

Third race, five and one-half furlongs—1. Bob Harris, 106 (Molloy), \$5, \$3.40, \$2.80; 2. Betty O'Brien, 92 (Pendergast), \$3, \$2; 3. Billy Buck, 97 (Edwards), \$5.60, Time, 1:08 1-5.

Fourth race, six furlongs—1. Tubby A, 113 (Baker), \$4.30, \$5.40, \$5.30; 2. Cuba, 98 (Sylvia), \$9.30, \$5.60; 3. Lloyd Brown, 99 (Wallis), \$7.60, Time, 1:14 1-5.

Fifth race, five and one-half furlongs—1. Idle Thoughts, 105 (Hilton), \$10.50, \$5.40, \$4.30; 2. Mary Dear, 104 (White), \$7.20, \$4.30; 3. Laniup, 91 (Vassili), \$8, Time, 1:08 2-5.

Sixth race, six furlongs—1. Sandy Man, 107 (Smith), \$4.80, \$4.20, \$3.40; 2. Jack Alexander, 105 (Craze), \$14, \$2.30, Time, 1:13 1-5.

Seventh race, five and one-half furlongs—1. Flomic, 104 (Wall), \$17.40, \$4; 2. Rachael Potter, 115 (Hay), \$5.30, \$3.30; 3. Tallteann, 111 (Hilbeck), \$4, Time, 1:07 1-4.

Eighth race, one mile—1. White, 93 (Craze), \$13.40, \$9.30, \$4.50; 2. John Merrill, 108 (Paden), \$3.40, \$3.30; 3. Isman, 116 (Burns), \$8, Time, 1:41 2-5.

Overnight Entries

First race, five furlongs—Nona Marie, 93; Forbidden, 95; Blue Mia, 95; Marso John, 101; Rapid Traveler, 101; Lady Tiptoe, 101; Lucky Cat, 101; Vanderburg, 101; Ory Boy, 101; Querulosa, 101; Charlotte Smith, 101; Lady Abbott, 101; Woodery, 101; Skokk, 101; Raffles, 101.

Second race, six furlongs—Wedlock, 97; Cadmus, 105; Jack, 105;

Kilauea, 105; Sun O'Use, 105; Laura Gaffney, 105; Olympian King, 110; Jack Lodi, 111; Ike Harvey, 113; Dr. Tubbs, 115.

Third race, one mile—Daytime, 93; Chispa, 93; Mart Hunch, 99; Wracklans, 103; Quercus, 102; Summer High, 104; Old Blue, 108; Smiling, 108; Toraida, 108; Jay Mac, 108; Hackamore, 109.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Rai George, 98; Coffield, 107; Rachael Potter, 108; Doctor K, 109; Miss Emmert, 108; Parnell, 109; Stroller, 112.

Fifth race, one mile—Chilliwack, 108; Bowsprit, 108; The Lamb, 108; Joe V, 108; Missouri Boy, 104; Tight, 108; Morro Castle, 108; Sunbow, 111; Perhaps, 111; St. Angelina, 111; Hal Wright, 112.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Firm Friend, 94; Headsche, 97; Runciler, 97; Edmon, 99; Deep Thoughts, 100; Fabian, 100; Moonraker, 103; Queen Catharine, 102; Stampdale, 105; Ronnie Omar, 105; Sunland, 103; Dominicus, 113; Runoide, 105.

Seventh race, mile and one sixteenth—Elector, 96; Contusion, 100; Lisette, 103; Be Frank, 104; All Over, 107; Wampus, 108; Spic and Span, 111; Cherry Tree, 117; Osprey, 124.

Eighth race, four and one-half furlongs—Jack Jr., 99; Queen Anna Marie, 99; Baby Doll, 108; Irish Bea, 103; All Moon, 103; Shanta Bally, 104; Rose Doyle, 104; Al Krupp, 107; Rock Bomb, 107; Dry Joe, 107; Rex Blue, 108; Rob Roy, 110; Raggage King, 115.

Open-Air Clinics Taboo

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 19.—The Senate of the State Legislature yesterday passed a bill making it a misdemeanor for dentists to advertise other than by professional cards in newspapers or by window display signs. "Open-air" clinics, in which teeth are extracted for the edification of the public are banned by the bill.

Miller and Falk Are High Men in Bowling League

Former Has Average of 170 in City League While Latter Tops Commercial League With 173.5

The turkey prizes contributed by the Silver Spring Brewery and The Colonist caused considerable rivalry among the players in the City and Commercial Leagues, as the one rolling the highest individual score in his league was to be the happy recipient of a big fat turkey for his Christmas dinner.

Frank Miller, of the Eagles, captured The Colonist bird with a score of 234 pins, and Bob Marshall, of The Colonist Night Hawks, walked off with the Silver Spring turkey with 214. Bob has won other turkeys this Christmas—in fact, more than he can comfortably get away with—so he intends presenting this gobbler towards providing a happy Christmas for a sick friend.

Standing of the Leagues

CITY LEAGUE

	W. L. Pct. Pins
Eagles	17 1 944 14,685
Colonist	10 8 556 13,982
Night Owls	6 13 278 13,653
Western Riders	4 14 222 13,122

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

	W. L. Pct. Pins
Night Hawks	12 3 800 11,156
Wilcox Hat	11 4 733 11,100
Five Roses	9 6 600 11,078
Eagles	9 6 600 10,998
Cruaders	9 6 600 10,493
Dominion Four	8 7 533 10,390
Gyros	7 8 467 10,582
Colonist Office	6 9 400 10,913
National Motors	2 13 133 10,076
Western Riders	2 13 133 9,348

Players' Averages

CITY LEAGUE

Miller	170
Falk	169.6
West	156.2
Handley	164.3
Malcolm	160.7
Hawkins	159.3
Chislett	158.5
Potts	158.4
Holder	157.4
Fairall	156.3
Norris	155.7
Brooks	155.2
Clarke	155
Wilcox	153.6

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Falk	173.5
Fairall	171.5
Miller	168.6
Hustable	168
Wilcox	167.7
R. Marshall	164.4
Moore	164.2
Chislett	163.5
Clarke	159.6
Moulton	159.3
Albert	153
Hiscocks	157
Wilson	155.2
Norris	154.8
Anderson	154
Roll	153
Manson	152.7
Baker	152.5
Hammerstone	150.4
Holman	147.9
Morley	145
Henry	145.3
Johnston	146.2
Malcolm	145
Rowe	143
Osard	142.6
Kerr	142.6
Forster	142
Thompson	142.8
Leggie	141.6
Leatham	141.5
Sibbald	141.3
Vivian	141

The Lady Bowlers

Honors are even among the lady bowlers, both teams having lost three and won three games.

Mrs. Bell's team—played 6, won 3, lost 3.

Mrs. Johnson's team—played 6, won 3, lost 3.

A meeting of ladies interested in bowling will be held in the alleys on Tuesday evening, December 29. All lady bowlers in the city are invited to attend.

Y.M.C.A. Gala Monday Night

Fine Programme of Aquatic Sports Arranged—Keen Competition Expected

The arrangements for the boys' swimming gala at the Y.M.C.A., under the auspices of the Junior Swimming Club, are all set and a programme of keen competition is promised to all who attend on Monday, December 24, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

The competition is divided into three classes, under fourteen years, under sixteen years, and under eighteen years, and these are seventeen events on the programme. This is the annual indoor gala of the club and in the past it has been noted for its hectic struggles. It is promised that this year will be even better than the past. A new shield has been put up for competition and the boys are keen to have their names on first.

The senior class should be a close event with Bill Dickinson, holder of the Native Son's cup for outdoor competition; Ernie Peden, who was runner-up last year; Bill Robertson, George Cameron and Bill Pickard among those competing. These boys have claimed many times before with various results and have been training faithfully for the event.

The intermediate class has the entries of those boys, who are not unknown to local aquatics, Ed. Roskelley, Geoffrey Parrott, Harry Robson and Bob Gordon, already having put in their entries in this class.

The juniors are always the dark horses, but several in this class have taken part in previous galas.

The officials for the meet have had experience in handling these affairs, so the machinery will run smoothly. Miss Audrey Griffin will be referee of the meet; Henry King will officiate as announcer; Ira Dilworth as starter; Archie McKinnon and W. S. Maguire will clock the boys. Dave Lapage will act as recorder. The finish judges are E. Tomalin, R. Webber and Harry Smith. Judges of diving, Archie McKinnon, Henry King and Bill Peden.

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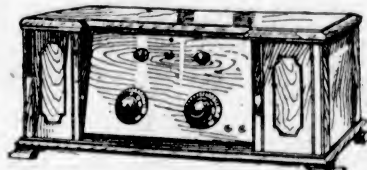
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Prudence Says So

Last Minute Suggestions Before Christmas—With an Old World Recipe From "Grandmother's" Cook Book—And a Belgian Sweetmeat

With Christmas less than a week away, one can picture well-stocked larders filled with savory mince meats, plum puddings waiting to be carried in, flaming, to the table. The turkey, goose, or good roast beef has probably been ordered, "the stockings are hung by the chimney with care" (a little soon for that, maybe), and Christmas is coming!

As last-minute suggestions, let us glance at these recipes: From Belgium comes a delicious confection known as Belgian Truffles.

A quarter of a pound of chocolate,

five dessertspoons granulated sugar, two dessertspoons milk, two dessertspoons butter, and a coffee spoon or small teaspoonful of cinnamon. Cook until all the ingredients are well melted and thoroughly mixed. Let it get cold. Roll into little balls, about the size of marbles, and roll in powdered chocolate or cocoa. The same mixture rolled in chopped nuts is very delicious.

Cheese Dates

One-half pound of firm dates, one large tablespoonful cream cheese, a little cream, cayenne and salt. Remove stones from dates; rub the cheese, adding enough cream to make smooth and easily handled, add seasoning, mould into shape of date stones and re-fill the dates.

As a substitute for plum pudding, try this recipe: Two pounds of flour, one pound of chopped suet, one pound currants, one pound treacle and a quarter of a pint of milk. This is economical and a very nice pudding.

Simmel Cake

Cake recipes are always in demand, the difficulty is to find an original one. This came from a very old cookbook, dated 1796, which happened to fall into Prudence's hands the other day. This proved to be a most delicious cake: One pound of flour, a quarter of a pound of butter, a quarter of a pound of sugar, a pound of currants, two ounces of candied peel, a quarter of a teaspoon of soda mixed with an egg and a little milk. To be put in a tin and baked.

Apple Pudding

From the same quaint old book comes this quaintly worded recipe. To make a good apple pudding, make a good puff paste, roll it out half an inch thick; pare and core your apples, enough to fill the crust. Close it up, tie in a soft cloth and boil it. If it be a small pudding that you wish, two hours is ample for to boil, but if a large, about three or four hours will be required. When it seems done enough, turn it into your dish, cut a piece out of the top of the crust, butter and sugar it to your palate, lay on the crust again and send it to table hot. A pear pudding may be made the same way, and thus you may make a damson pudding, or any sort of plums, apricots, cherries or even mulberries.

Lemon Pudding

This is quite one of the most delicious puddings imaginable, and may be served with whipped cream: one cup of sugar, two tablespoons butter, three eggs, rind and juice of

two lemons, half a cup of milk and two crackers. Roll out the crackers and pour over them a little milk, enough to make them soft. Beat the eggs, add the sugar and butter, and add to the cracker mixture. Pour the lemon juice and lastly the half cup of milk. Bake in a moderate oven until cooked, about twenty minutes to half an hour will be necessary. May be eaten cold or hot.

Potato Puff

As a variation for potatoes, mix together two cups of cold mashed potatoes beaten to a cream, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, two eggs beaten separately, one cup of milk, salt and pepper to taste, whites of eggs to be added last. Bake it in rather a hot, quick oven for half an hour. It should be brown on top.

Cabbage Savory

Roll a nice firm white cabbage until it is about three-quarters done, strain it and cut it up. Put in a pudding dish with a sauce and weight on top, and let it stand for about fifteen minutes. Then turn into a casserole in which you have already placed three or four pieces of bacon. Place some bacon on top as well, cook in the oven until the bacon is browned and the juice has sunk in to the cabbage. Then pour over it a good cheese sauce and serve piping hot.

A Suggestion

From that same old cookbook comes this hint just as it was worded more than 125 years ago: "It may be to thine advantage to learn that nutmeg if it be grated exceedingly small, may be used in the stead of the mace, which is exorbitantly dear now."

Mrs. Nichol Gives Music Certificates

Takes Gracious Part in Dominion Academy of Music Programme at Empress

A big audience of keenly interested parents and friends of Dominion Academy of Music pupils was in the Empress Hotel ballroom last evening on the occasion of the presentation by Mrs. W. G. Nichol, wife of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, of the certificates of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, London, England.

There was an excellent programme in connection with the certificate-giving. Very Rev. Dean Quainton made a few pleasing remarks about the advantage of cultivating the arts of music and music-making in support of his expression of sympathy for the man who has no ear for music. He urged the pupils to give their utmost attention to their musical studies. In welcoming Mrs. Nichol, the dean spoke flatteringly of her own abilities as a musician. Mrs. Nichol, with her customary graciousness, accompanied the presentation of certificates to the numerous successful students with a few words of praise and congratulation, kissing the smaller children.

Presentations During the evening there were several presentations from the student body as well. Miss Betty MacLean, daughter of the Hon. Mr. MacLean and Mrs. MacLean, and Miss Margaret Manson, daughter of the Hon. A. M. Manson and Mrs. Manson, presented Mrs. Nichol, on behalf of the school, with a beautiful basket of flowers. To Madame Kate Webb, principal of the school, was presented a handsome silver tea service and silver cake basket, "the gift of pupils past and present." The presentation was made by Mrs. Walman and Miss Audrey Wood, Miss Jessie MacLean supplementing the gift with a bouquet from the students. A full presentation of the evening was to Miss Mylam, one of the teachers, who received a lovely bouquet just before Mr. Cockett proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Nichol and Dean Quainton for their generous assistance.

Programme The programme gave evidence of considerable musical ability among the students, and several encores were insisted upon by a pleased audience.

Following were the numbers:
Pianoforte Solo—"A Curious Story".....Heller
Mary Glendinning
"The Avallanche".....Heller
Margaret Watson
"Hungarian Rhapsodie".....Knelling
Roy Gibbs
Vocal Solo—"Thoughts Have Wings".....Lehmann
Miss Gwendoline Stubbs
Pianoforte Duet—"Hungarian Dance".....Brahms
Mrs. Hodges and Miss Odella Cockett
Vocal Solo—"Ave Maria".....Gounod
Miss Margaret Griffin
(Violin obligato by Mr. R. Wood)
Pianoforte Solo—"Automne".....Chaminade
Miss Audrey Wood
Vocal Solo—"Till Dawn".....G. Lowe
Miss Osborne Jones
Pianoforte Solo—"Forest Sounds".....Debussy
Miss Flora Allan
Vocal Solo—"Softly Awakes My Heart" ("Samson and Delilah").....Saint-Saens
Miss Ellen Bridge, I.A.B.
Violin Solo—"The Deluge".....Saint-Saens
Mr. Lambert Colquhoun
Pianoforte Trio—"The Soldiers' Chorus" ("Faust").....Gounod
The Misses Marjorie Huikie, Ella Beveridge and Norma Halliday

Probates Granted In Supreme Court

Probates for the last week in the Supreme Court showed the following estates were dealt with: Aretia Grace Adams, who died in Victoria, October 17, 1925, estate valued at \$332; Mary Ella Aylard, who died in Victoria, September 21, 1925, estate valued at \$138,701; James Kelman, who died at Victoria November 11, 1925, estate valued at \$1,505.

October Bank Debits

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Bank debits to individual accounts at the clearing house centres of Canada, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, were \$3,869,000,000 in October, as compared with \$2,395,000,000 in September, an increase of about thirty per cent. The clearings in October were \$1,710,200,000, as against \$1,212,400,000 in September, and \$1,711,900,000 in October, 1924.

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3 Dozen only, Washable Habutai Silk Chemises, white and pink. Regular \$1.95. Extra \$1.25
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Cut Glass and Sterling Rim Top. Reg. \$2.50. Sale, **\$1.49**
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Vases, cut glass, Belgian blank. Reg. \$6.75. Sale **\$4.39**
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Reg. \$11.25. Sale **\$6.75**
Sandwich Plate, cut glass. Reg. \$4.25. Sale **\$2.49**
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Reg. \$5.50. Sale **\$3.15**
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Reg. \$17.25. Sale, pair **\$12.50**
Ice Cream Tray. Reg. \$16.75. Sale **\$10.95**
Oblong shape. Reg. \$35.00. Sale **\$23.40**
Bonbon Cut Glass, American blank, twin handle. Reg. \$1.75. Sale **\$1.10**
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3 Pieces, teapot, cream and sugar; tall and plain designs. Reg. \$18.50. Sale **\$10.95**
3-Piece Tea Set, round design; teapot, sugar and cream. Reg. \$19.00. Sale **\$12.49**
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3-Piece Tea Set, round squat design, English make; insulated handle. Reg. \$29.50. Sale **\$19.85**
3-Piece Tea Set, teapot, sugar and cream; odd shape, hammered design, insulated handle, pedestal design. Reg. \$32.50. Sale **\$22.95**
3-Piece Tea Set, tall design, pedestal style; teapot has wood-on handle. Reg. \$36.00. Sale **\$24.95**
3-Piece Tea Service, oval shape, on pedestal, mahogany handle, E.P.N.S. Reg. \$42.50. Sale **\$28.75**
3-Piece Tea Service, teapot oval shape, fluted design cream and sugar, E.P.N.S. Reg. \$48.00. Sale **\$32.50**
3-Piece Tea Service, Queen Anne design; teapot, cream and sugar, E.P.N.S. Reg. \$60.00. Sale **\$38.75**
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Ladies' Leather Handbags, in the latest style. Each bag has the latest Parisian feature of a handkerchief pocket on the front of the bag in the corner. The bags come fitted with a vanity mirror and coin purse. In assorted colors.
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Our stock of French Ivory Brushes and Combs is going down fast and it may happen that we will be completely sold out before Christmas Eve. We have no hesitation in advising our many friends to buy now if you need to use any French Ivory Brushes.

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Old Dutch Egg Cup, gilt lined. Reg. \$1.00. Sale **49c**
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Reg. \$2.25. Sale, each **\$1.29**
Reg. \$2.50. Sale, each **\$1.39**
Reg. \$2.75. Sale, each **\$1.59**
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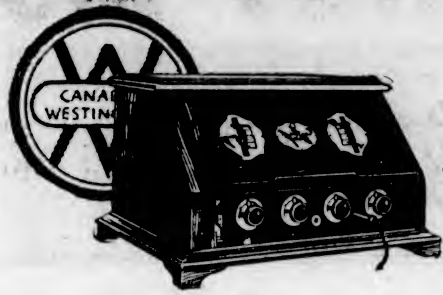
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Children Give Play In Aid of Solarium

Substantial Sum Results From Royal Bride Chapter Entertainment

The little members of the Royal Bride Chapter, I.O.D.E., gave a most delightful entertainment yesterday afternoon in aid of the Solarium for Crippled Children at Mill Bay. Mrs. Hermann Robertson had kindly lent her house for the occasion, and the large drawing-room was more than filled with an appreciative and delighted audience.

Each item on the programme was excellently done, the costumes were most beautiful, and the little songs and dances executed with an unusual grace and finish. Miss Thompson, who arranged the programme, had the able assistance of Mrs. H. G. Garrett, who made many of the lovely costumes. The opening number was a carol, "Angels Sweetly Singing," by all the children. This was followed by a dance, "Pearl Maiden," by two tiny tots, Gwynneth Thomas and Gloria Wilson. Elizabeth Garrett and Trudie Green gave a recitation in costume, "The Spirit That Never Dies," representing Sir Francis Drake and Lord Nelson. Little Ruth and Nan Morley were featured in their song, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." Then came a charming old-world minuet by Elizabeth Garrett, Cynthia Johnston, Allison Mitchell, Diana Hammond, Trudie Green and Angela Davis. A Christmas carol was prettily sung by Angela Davis, Pamela Charlewood, Cynthia Johnston, Allison Mitchell and Betty Moncrieff. Little John Garrett recited "Good King Wenceslas," while the following children took part in a beautifully arranged tableau, Barbara Twigg, Diana Hammond and Elizabeth Garrett. Miss Trudie Green received a great ovation after her piano solo. During a short interval a collection was taken.

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"Go straight home—ble. That's easier said than done!"—Kidda Hans, the Copenhagen.

up in aid of the Solarium and the sum collected amounted to about \$80.

The second part of the programme consisted of a cleverly acted play, entitled "Cobbler, Cobbler, Mend My Shoe." The parts were taken by the following children: Cobbler, Peggy Thomas; his wife, Betty Chadwick; Schoolmaster, Olga Harder; Margaret, Margot Harder; Roger, Ruth Moore; Rosemary, Jean Thomas; Pamela, Gwynneth Thomas; Little old woman, Gloria Wilson; and tinker man, Gwynneth Thomas.

After the programme tea was served.

Death Car Driver Faces Charge of Manslaughter

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 19.—Pulton McLean was arrested this afternoon on a charge of manslaughter, in connection with the death at the Royal Columbian Hospital this morning of Henry H. Dobney, fifty-eight, of Queensborough, from injuries received last Tuesday night when he was knocked down by an automobile alleged to have been driven by McLean. Bail was fixed in \$5,000 bonds, and arrangements are being made to procure this, police stated.

Women Better Than Men at This Game

WELWYN, Herts, Eng., Dec. 19.—Women, because of their natural tendency to home-making, are better qualified than men to raise poultry, says Miss Harrison Bell, operator of the All-Women Chicken and Duck Farm.

As the name indicates, all work about the farm is done by women who are studying with a view of branching out for themselves as soon as they have graduated.

Poultry raising, in Miss Bell's opinion, is an ideal career for the out-of-door woman.

Rome to Honor Verdi

RUBETTO, Italy, Dec. 19.—Giuseppe Verdi, Italian composer, the twenty-fifth anniversary of whose death will be commemorated with fitting ceremonies here, his natal city, next January. It is to be honored with a statue in Rome.

A national subscription for this purpose has been opened.

Joan and John were seated on the sofa.

"What would you do if I turned you down?" Joan asked shyly.

John looked straight ahead, but said nothing.

After a few moments of silence she nudged him with her elbow and asked: "Didn't you hear my question?"

"I beg your pardon," he replied. "I thought you were addressing the cat."

Reds Win From Blues at Rugby

Seventeen to Twelve Is Final Score of Practice Match Between Picked Teams

Victoria's "rep" rugby team candidates went seventy minutes in a hard practice game between two picked squads from the three senior teams yesterday at the Willows Park. The chilly wind which swept the ground throughout the afternoon made the players get both feet into the fray and play was kept at a fast pace all the way.

The Reds, captained by Harold Colman, were successful in holding Walter Brynjolfsson's Blue team down, and they ended the day at the long end of a 17 to 12 score. At half-time the Reds had a nine-point advantage over the Blues and ended the period with a score of 12 to 3. In the second half, playing with the wind in their favor, the Blues got their three-quarter line into action and tied the score after about twenty minutes of play. A try and a goal, however, in the last few minutes, gave the Reds a victory. Both sides played with thirteen men throughout.

Golf Simplified

By Charles (Chick) Evans, Jr.

The Eight Best Amateurs

The first six amateur golfers this year, I believe, are, in order, Bobby Jones, Francis Ouimet, George Von Elm, Jess Sweetser, Jess Galford and Dexter Cummings.

I place Roland McKenzie seventh. He is one of the few who qualified at Oakmont whom I place on my list. This is not a question of pique but of knowledge. I know golf and golfers, and I have a very great admiration for Roland McKenzie's game. He is a powerfully built young fellow with a glorious enthusiasm for the game, and we all know without that attribute study and results are almost impossible. His putting is superb at times.

Roland McKenzie is the pupil of that veteran golfer, Freddie McLeod. This is what the teacher has to say: "Roland lacks experience and is very young, but I'd say he is farther towards a marvelous golf game at his present age than was Bobby Jones at the same time."

Allowing for the affectionate prejudice of a master for his pupil, and giving careful regard to the fact that Freddie is Scotch, that is some compliment.

Robert Gardner is my choice for number eight. He does not go into many tournaments, and that, of course, makes it difficult to judge him, but those of us who live in Chicago know what a splendid game he played in 1922. He told Jack Hutchison that he played as well last year as he ever did in his life, and as he never boasts, his remark confirms my own impression. Jack also told me that Bob was putting beautifully, employing that dancing master's method of counting, one, two, three and into the hole, which, in his hands, is most effective.

Golf, today, is played by more people than play any other game.

The day when a man was ashamed to confess that he played golf has long passed. Now a man is rather proud of the fact that he has a healthful way of passing his leisure time. It is the thing to do.

Golf's great value to humanity is not as a spectacular game, picturesque though it may be. It's great good is the wholesome, outdoor exercise that it brings to the individual.

This is a great nation of city dwellers, and something which takes us to the parks and the open spaces is absolutely necessary to the health of the people. I believe that is pretty well understood at the present time and that is why I hold that more people are playing golf than any other game. They can accommodate it to their varying degrees of time, strength and skill. And therein lies its popularity. Not as the champion's game, not as a great spectacle, but as the sport of the people is golf to be commended. This game, which is played by the lowest and the highest in Scotland, has now become an integral part of the sporting life of America. It has met a need that no other sport of the day has met. And that is why I say that everybody's playing golf.

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Quartette of Bills Given Final Reading Before Prorogation

Final passage was given the Minimum Wage Bill, the P.G.E. Bill, the Hunia Bill, and the Sheep Protection Act, just before the Legislature prorogued last night.

Two divisions featured the passage of the Minimum Wage Bill, the first on a motion advanced by Hon. William Sloan, that the report on the Bill be discharged, and the Bill re-committed to consider his amendment which would make the measure applicable only to the coal mining and lumbering industries. The vote was

twenty-five to eleven against the motion. The second division was on the third reading of the Bill, which resulted in the Bill carrying by thirty-nine to three. Messrs. Jones, Walkem and Creery casting negative votes.

Price for Rabbit Substitute

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—A prize of \$50,000 was offered by the Soviet Government today for a substitute for India rubber. \$25,000 will be given for the second best synthetic preparation.

Wealthy Judge (lecturing a prisoner): "A clear conscience, my man, is more to be desired than riches." Prisoner: "All right, sir; I'll swap with you."

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Another Big Shipment of Genuine English Wolsey Socks to Go at 75c

Everybody knows what the Wolsey trade mark stands for—100% pure wool and every pair absolutely guaranteed not to shrink, or they will be replaced free of charge. Every pair neatly boxed. Choice of four shades, black, putty, camel or silver. Regular at \$1.25. Christie's Christmas Special **75c**
Silk Socks in a big choice of colors. Special **95c**
Cashmere Socks—Pure Wool Quality Cashmere Socks, in a choice of six colors. Special, Fancy Clocked Socks, pure wool quality cashmere, pair, **\$1.25 and \$1.00**

Flannelette Pajamas

Superior Quality English Flannelette Pajamas, in a range of attractive colors. Every suit cut in comfortable size. Special value, per suit **\$3.50**

Wool Gloves

Hard-Wearing Scotch Knit Pure Wool Worsted Gloves; just the thing for the man who drives a car. Special **\$1.00**

Big Values in Men's Underwear

"Oxford" Brand Tailored-to-Fit Combinations; a medium weight that most men prefer. All sizes to 46. Per suit **\$2.25 and \$1.95**
Men's Heavy Weight Woollen Underwear in separate garment style. Special, per suit, **\$2.75**

Gift Sweaters for Men and Women

Men's Heavy Jumbo Knit Pure Wool Sweaters, with roll collars; coat style. Extra special clearance values at **\$1.95 to \$3.50**
Coat Sweaters—Medium Weight All-Wool Sweaters, in V-neck style; heather shades. Special **\$2.75**
Men's Vests, in shades of grey, brown, camel, tan or sand; styles with 2 or 4 pockets. Price **\$3.00**
Ladies' Sweaters—Attractively Colored Pull-Over Sweaters of wool; neatly trimmed in contrasting colors. Price **\$3.95**

Men's Leather Belts

A Fine Quality Leather Belt, with strong buckle, in attractive gift box. Special **50c**

Christie's Trench Coat Values Are Unbeatable

A well cut Trench Coat of superior quality cotton gabardine, is splendidly lined, and finished with belt, shoulder straps and leather buttons. Made with raglan sleeves and button-to-neck collar. Great value at **\$12.00**

Christie's All-Weather Trench Coats are made of the most durable quality gabardine, with three linings: (1) Detachable fleece lining, (2) Genuine oilskin interlining, not rubber, which is perishable; (3) Check lining. These Trench Coats are available in two weights at

\$17.50 and \$25.00

Offering Sensational Values in MEN'S TIES

50c, 75c, \$1.00

Knitted and Wide-End Silk Ties at Each Price—Every Tie in a Gift Box

Another marvelous John Christie purchase that makes it possible for you to buy more and better Ties for your men friends this Christmas. There are thousands of beautiful shades and patterns to choose from, and all ties—even the 50c ones—are in beautiful Christmas gift boxes. Don't buy ties anywhere, at any price, until you see what you can save at Christie's.

Men's Gift Slippers

See the All-Leather English Slippers at this store. Several shades. All sizes **\$1.75 and \$1.95**

Ladies' Riding Boots

Highest Grade Black Calf Riding Boots, made in England. A perfectly fitting boot that has been immensely popular and sells regularly at \$30.00 a pair. Extra Special Christmas Clearance at **\$14.75**

Ladies' Riding Breeches

Well Cut Tweed Breeches in a choice of three shades. Special **\$4.75**
English Pure Wool Bedford Cord Riding Breeches. Special **\$7.95**

BLANKETS

A Useful Christmas Present

Warmth, comfort and many years of service are assured all who take advantage of special blanket values this Christmas. John Christie is one of the biggest direct importers of Blankets in Canada, and his values are recognized as the best throughout Western Canada. See this display and you'll realize the superiority of our values.

Pure Wool White Blankets

Size 75 by 95 (extra large), 9½ lbs. Price **\$15.00**
Size 70 by 90, 8 lbs. Price **\$10.95**
Size 64 by 84, 7 lbs. Price **\$8.95**

Suspenders, Arm Bands and Handkerchiefs

A group of Christmas gift merchandise that offers ample opportunity for economical buying. Every item separately boxed.

President Suspenders. Special **65c**
Arm Bands. Price **50c**
Garters and Arm Bands. Price **\$1.00**
Men's Handkerchiefs, khaki or lawn, 2 for **25c**

Gabardine Raincoats

Suitable for men, young men and also ladies. Made in England of excellent quality fawn gabardine. All sizes. Special **\$15.75**

Men's Scarfs

Scotch Cashmere Scarfs in a big range of beautiful colors and patterns. Prices **\$1.75 and \$2.75**
Pure Wool Imported Scarfs **\$1.50 and \$1.95**
Silk Scarfs **\$2.75 and \$3.50**

Give Him an Auto Robe for Christmas

One of the most remarkable Auto Robe values in Canada is the John Christie "Uniform" Brand Robe, which is sold in Canada exclusively by this firm. It is a good quality heavy robe, and value extraordinary at **\$3.95**

Isle of Man Rugs

An auto robe well-known in the Old Country, and sold in Canada at a price that is universally recognized as amazing value. **\$5.95**

Ladies' Raincoats

Beautifully Colored Rubberized Silk Raincoats. Every garment cut to fit by expert tailors. Great value at **\$12.95**

Men's Caps

Newest one-piece top styles in a big range of Donegal tweeds and novelty cloths **\$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00**

Christie's Overcoats

The Greatest Values in Canada

Since we first advertised our big purchase of British Army Civilian Overcoats, dozens of them have been sold every day. There is no value in Canada today to compare with them. Get yours before the entire shipment is sold. All good quality tweed coats in attractive colors and patterns. Special **\$6.95**
Perfectly Tailored Tweed Coats that you would expect to pay at least \$35.00 for are now on special sale at **\$19.75**

Two Great Suit Specials

Fox's Pure Wool Serge Suits, with two pairs of pants. A quality of material that carries the manufacturer's guarantee, or a well cut suit of superior quality British tweed with one pair of pants. Regular **\$14.95**
\$35.00 value. Your choice

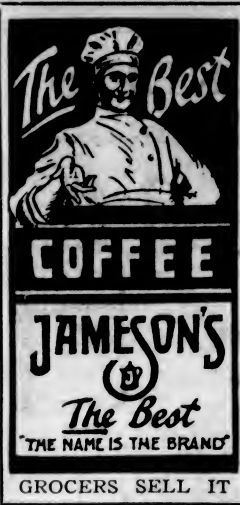
Christie's Boot Values Are the Best in the West

The genuine original South African Field Boot, made in the "Uniform" Brand factory, is only obtainable in Canada at the John Christie Stores. It is made of the finest oak tan leather, and guaranteed in every way. Price **\$4.90**

John Christie's Officers' Field Boots are popular with men who have to be out in all weathers. Made with strong double soles, and guaranteed first quality through-out. Price **\$4.45**

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British Columbia Store and Mail Order Depot **1004 Government Street** Next Door to Angus Campbell's, Ltd.
OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK SATURDAY EVENING STORES AT EDMONTON AND CALGARY



To Move Address

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—The honor of moving the acceptance by the House of Commons of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne probably will fall to G. D. Morin, Liberal member-elect for Bagot, Que. It is not known at present who will second the adoption of the address.

English Plum Puddings Are Still Sentimental Part of Christmas

Local Postoffice, as Part of Its Tremendous Additional Work at This Season, Handles About Fifty—1,500 Boxes of Holly Mailed From Here This Year

Not with any idea of evading the Volstead Act, but prompted by pure sentiment and the thought of making a gift which will have some intimate remembrance of home, there are still millions in England who are sending plum puddings to their boys in Canada.

A Colonial reporter was invited to see "behind the scenes" at the Victoria postoffice a day or two ago, and saw some of the fifty English plum puddings which have been sent to local addresses. There was something touching in the thought of the imaginary picture which the senders had conjured up of conditions in this part of the world. It is probably to them still a wild, foreign country, part of the "unsettled wilderness" in which such comforts as Christmas puddings are practically unknown.

The Christmas mails are always interesting. There is a tremendous incoming and outgoing of parcels and letters bearing addresses or postmarks in every part of the world. The postoffice staff is considerably increased to cope with the heavy Christmas traffic which operates under tremendous pressure.

Holly Mailings

Plum puddings have already been mentioned. This is a type of parcel-post which would not be handled at any other time of the year. There is

also a heavy shipment of Victoria holly through the mails, and this year the number of boxes which has gone through the local postoffice is in the neighborhood of 1,500.

The heaviest British mail of the month arrived on Friday, and probably included the last pre-Christmas parcel-post from the Old Land. It included fifty-seven bags of letters, twenty-three bags of parcels. This mail left England on December 4, showing that despite the delay at the present time, the consignments are being handled with dispatch.

Since December 1, in addition to the foregoing, there have been handled in the local postoffice 181 sacks of letters, 295 sacks of parcel-post and 254 sacks of papers. From Austria and New Zealand, furthermore, there were forty-two bags of letters and papers. There will probably be other letter mails from the Old Land before Christmas, making the total still higher.

Mail From Here

The mass of the mail leaving Victoria at this late date is for Canadian destinations or for places in the United States. The last date for mailing parcels to the Old Land was November 30. Anything mailed after that time could not be guaranteed delivery before Christmas, although there has, of course, been a steady trickle of late parcel mailings ever since that date. Even Eastern Canada and more distant parts of the United States cannot be reached with letters now. The postoffice has had a bulletin displayed for some time warning the public that the last dates for posting to the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba would be December 16, 17 and 18 respectively.

Now the bulletins concern local and near local mailings. In the United States there are no mail deliveries whatever on Christmas Day, so the public are advised to get their letters and parcels off at least two days earlier than they would ordinarily require to be. This is stressed, as parcel post has to undergo customs examination. Mail for Seattle, for instance, should not be posted later than tomorrow or Tuesday.

Local Deliveries

An effort is being made by the postoffice to speed up mailings for delivery locally. All West Coast mail should be in the postoffice early today in order to catch the St. Maquina.

There will be only one letter delivery and one parcel delivery in Victoria on Christmas Day. While the postoffice will make every effort to sort and distribute everything in the way of letters mailed up to Christmas Eve, it will greatly help the sorters and carriers if people mail earlier. Parcels for local delivery should be in the postoffice by Wednesday. One has only to see the postoffice staff sorting the mails at this season to realize how efficient and skilled the men have to be. The mails are collected just about an hour before they are to be dispatched by boat to Vancouver or Seattle, and a quick familiarity with the geography and railway routes of the continent is necessary. The parcel bags are hung in eights and tens in tall iron frames, and into these the sorters, working with unbelievable rapidity, toss the parcels according to the general district or railway area indicated on the parcel-bag label. As a bag is completed it is fastened, and the label off the frame is slipped into the fastening. The bags are shot down a chute into the mail van, taken to the boat, and in Vancouver or Seattle are separated and put aboard the respective trains.

Owing to the greater number of letters a finer system of sorting has to be adopted. Three or four men, standing at a great table, sort them closely into countries, England, United States and local. The letters are run through the rubber stamping machine (which works so rapidly that it is able to stamp up to about \$60 a minute), and they are then re-sorted into more particular groups by a fresh group of sorters. In the British mails, for instance, the letters for London are put in another special division, and so on. The same subdivision process is employed for the United States and Canadian mails. Little wonder that the world at large is grateful for an efficient postal service.

Government Liquor Act Will Stay in Politics

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tion of the Attorney-General to let the motion die on the order paper.

Whose Ox Is Gored?

"The resolution is out of order," said Mr. Manson, "it seeks to dictate Government policy."

"It does nothing of the kind," retorted Mr. Twigg. "It seeks only that the Government shall live up to its much-reiterated declaration that it will not interfere with Mr. Davidson."

On appeal to the chair, Mr. Twigg quoted Mr. Speaker's earlier decision against himself, that Major Burde's minimum wage bill, although it dictated Government policy, was in order by consent of the Government. Premier Oliver intervened with the comment that there was no analogy between the two situations.

This drew a swift retort from Mr. Twigg.

"No, I know that," he said. "One question is presented from one quarter and the other from another quarter. The Government must ensure the one for refusing to have this question discussed."

The incident closed with an exchange of extra-parliamentary courtesies between Mr. Twigg and the Attorney-General, and the Liquor Act was left inviolate from any interference at the hands of Opposition members.

Col. Peck's Resolution

Col. Peck said that his only motive in moving his resolution was to get publicity for it. He did not want debate at that late hour. He was prevented by the action of the Attorney-General, who obtained a ruling from the chair that the motion was out of order. The ensuing exchange between the colonel and Mr. Manson was of the lively order; and the result was that beer will be dispensed at old and new stands as heretofore.

Col. Peck's resolution was as follows:—

"Whereas a great deal of dissatis-

faction has developed in regard to the kinds of beer allotted to liquor vendors and beer parlors;

"And whereas it has been sworn before the Public Accounts Committee that an agreement exists between the liquor commissioner and the Amalgamated Brewers whereby all beer and ale furnished to the Government on the Coast is supplied by said brewers, thereby shutting out any other brewers not in the combine;

"And whereas it has been sworn that certain brewers are prepared to supply beer to the Government at a lower price than now obtained;

"And whereas all monopolies and restriction of trade are pernicious and restrictive against the public interest;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this Legislature is of opinion that the liquor commissioner should obtain and supply to Government vendors and beer parlors the brands of beer and ale demanded by the public, purchasing at the lowest rates; always providing that such beer and ale is of the best and purest quality."

French Historian Dies

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French historian, Pierre Imbart de la Tour, died yesterday at the age of sixty-five.

Curtain Falls on Session of Legislature

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The singing of the National Anthem was the final act of the House.

Following is the address of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor:

Lieutenant-Governor's Address Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature:

I wish to express my appreciation of the careful consideration you have given to the many important subjects which have been placed before you.

The amendments you have enacted to the School, Hospital, and Municipal Acts should all tend towards better living conditions, and therefore to a higher standard of human efficiency throughout the Province.

The Town Planning bill is designed to encourage a more scientific and better-adjusted system governing the erection of buildings in populous centres, and should be the means of imparting an added attractiveness to our growing cities.

The bill to amend and consoli-

date the legislation relating to insurance is intended to secure greater uniformity and more harmonious operation of these laws, which are thus brought into conformity with those of the other Provinces of Canada.

By providing a ready means of arbitration in differences between employers and employees, the bill relating to the investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province should make for the stabilisation of our industrial undertakings.

The amendments to the "Workmen's Compensation Act" will be welcomed by the workers of this Province as providing greater security both to the wage-earner and to those dependent on his labors.

The reduction in taxes on income and personal property, contained in the amendments to the "Taxation Act," will afford a welcome relief to many of the taxpayers of the Province.

The legislation providing for the construction of the University buildings should prove beneficial to the Province in the furtherance of higher education. The land grant in aid of the

Pacific Great Eastern Railway will, I trust, be of material assistance in the solution of this important problem.

I thank you for the Supplies so generously granted for the Public Service, and in relieving you from your legislative duties I trust that the results of your labors will be seen and blessed in the continued progress and prosperity of the Province.

Six Injured in Derailment

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala., Dec. 19.

Six persons were reported severely injured and scores were badly shaken up when Central Georgia passenger train number two, Birmingham to Columbus, Ga., was derailed near Hollins, this morning. Four cars left the rails, two coaches and a Pullman going down an embankment.

Vodka Price Goes Up

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—The Soviet Government has increased the price of vodka fifty per cent, bringing it to about a dollar a quart, as a partial measure against drunkenness and with a view to increasing the state revenue.

Never Lower Jewelry Prices Than These

Mr. Greensfelder's determination to unload this jewelry stock can't be questioned. Final price cuts have been made, reducing most of the original prices to half or less. You'll never again find values like these.

SILVERWARE

All the remaining pieces in Sterling and Plated

Half Price

PEARLS

The famous "Delta" Indestructible and French Pearls

Half Price

IVORY

Nothing Reserved—All unsold pieces

Half Price

ELGIN—WALTHAM—GRUEN—SWISS WATCHES

Men's Pocket

\$65.00 Elgin, very thin, 12-size, in a handsomely engraved 14-k solid gold case

\$42.40

\$65.00 Dreadnaught, very thin, 12-size, very choice 14-k solid gold case

\$41.90

\$35.00 Elgin, thin, 12-size, gold-filled case, nicely engraved

\$21.80

\$16.00 Waltham, 16-size, in fine gold-filled case; vest chain included

\$9.80

\$15.00 Admiral, 16-size, plain gold-filled case; non-magnetic movement

\$9.80

Men's Strap Watches \$8.90 to \$19.80

Ladies' Wrist

\$300.00 Barrel shape, heavy platinum case surrounded with 24 cut diamonds

\$148.00

\$75.00 Pansy shape, white gold case, embellished with 2 cut diamonds and 4 sapphires

\$47.50

\$28.00 Elgin, plain round gold-filled case with bracelet

\$21.80

\$14.00 Cushion shape, sterling case, 15-jewel movement

\$7.20

\$12.00 Cushion shape, sterling case, good movement

\$6.90

Imported French Clocks

A beautiful assortment of fine clocks arrived direct from Paris yesterday. Many very artistic boudoir clocks in fancy jewel effects—others in finely finished mahogany cases—some with radium-faced hands and numerals, and with alarms. Priced from \$9.80 to \$2.80

Pearls

24-Inch Indestructible Pearls, with clasp Same, in 30-inch

45c

75c

Scarf Pins

And Brooches. Very Latest Designs

Half Price

Signet Rings

10-k solid gold, heavy weight, plain or engraved

\$3.90

NOTE—MR. E. ROWBOTTOM, EXPERT WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STORE DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS, WILL OPEN A REPAIR SHOP AT 1277 GOVERNMENT STREET. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH HIM TO SERVICE ALL WATCHES PURCHASED AT THIS SALE WITHOUT CHARGE

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O. H. DORMAN Christmas Gifts For Men and Boys

GOODS OF QUALITY

Pure Silk Ties, \$1.50 to	45c
Silk and Wool Crepe Ties, each	\$1.00
Silk and Wool Hose, per pair, \$1.00 and	65c
Cashmere Hose, per pair, \$1.25 to	50c
Dressing Gowns, \$13.95 to	\$10.95
Shirts, Broadcloths and Popelines, new shades, \$4.25 to	\$2.75
Shirts, Bombay Cords and Prints, \$3.00 to	\$1.50

THE STORE OF QUALITY

1328 Government Street



Make This Christmas a Red-Letter Day

In Your Family. Let Us Draw Plans of a New Home for You

We Use the Best Material and Workmanship Low Cost and Easy Terms

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Victoria Building Co.

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Phone 3036

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Sailors' Institutes

Urgent appeal is made for funds to carry on the good work at the clubs for the benefit of the sailor.

Upkeep and taxes amount to \$2,500 per annum. Supported by voluntary contribution.

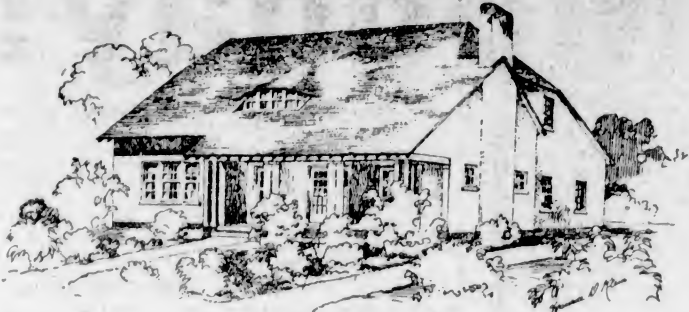
\$2.00 entitles a person to full membership for a year. Inspection of Institutes welcomed.

Donations, contributions for special Christmas dinner will be gladly accepted and acknowledged by:

ARTHUR COLES

Hon. Treasurer.

Unusually Attractive Bungalow With All of Its Principal Rooms on One Floor



THE bungalow is popular nowadays, because people generally are coming to realize that it is ideal from the standpoint of convenience and comfort. For instance, in this attractive home, which has all of its principal rooms on one floor, a number of burdensome house-keeping details are eliminated. There is no stair-climbing to speak of, and the arrangement of the rooms assures a decided curtailment in the number of steps necessary for the performance of household tasks.

This unusual design of southern precedent, with its pleasing roof lines and simple exterior, has an individuality, coziness and charm that will look well in any locality. Although designed for a western exposure, it is equally suitable for a southern or northern exposure. The plans can be reversed when it is desired to have the front of the house facing east.

A bungalow without a hall is usually a bungle. This home, however, has a hall that opens into every room on the first floor, and there is a dividing door separating the living portion from the service and sleeping portion of the house. You will notice the exceptionally large porch has double French doors opening from the living-room, and a French door on the main entrance leading into the central hall. The living-room is simply large, with a large fireplace on the right, and lighted from two sides. The dining-room is large enough for a four-sided family, extra well lighted on two sides, ensuring perfect cross ventilation, as is the case in all rooms.

The kitchen is conveniently located to the dining-room, hall and service entrance on the side. It is well laid out according to modern ideas, with plenty of built-in

cupboards, and provision for wall space for all kitchen equipment. A large coat-room is handily located close to the main hall, and the bathroom has all the privacy that is to be desired. The three bedrooms are of good size, with plenty of closet space, and well lighted.

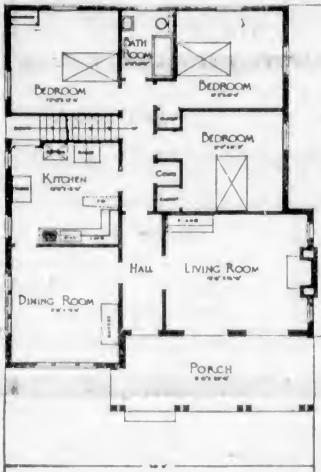
A stairway leads to the second floor, which can be finished or not, as desired. The plans provide for a billiard-room of immense size, and an extra bedroom and storeroom. The stair to the full-size basement leads from the kitchen or outside, and are located immediately under the stairs to the second floor.

Outline of Specifications

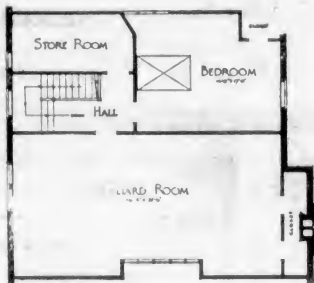
Foundation Walls—Stone or brick.
Cellar Floor—Cement.
Walls—Stucco on hollow tile or brick.
Roof—Wood, (asphalt or tapered asphalt) shingles, with shingle ridge; eyebrow dormer in front.
Trim—As desired.

Frames, Doors, Windows—French stock; French doors on porch openings, balance stock; sliding sash windows.
Color—Frames, sash, French doors, exposed rafters, posts and gable ends painted ivory; roof stained mahogany brown; grey-white stucco on grey or brown tapestry brick soldier course.
Floors—As desired.

Inside Finish—As desired.
Heat—Hot air, hot water or steam.



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15¢ PER PKG.

— and in 1/2 lb VACUUM (AIR-TIGHT) TINS



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Don't wish for Health—Grasp it!

In many languages at Christmas-time people wish their friends "Good Health". But wishes alone will not ensure good health. Rules must be observed—plenty of fresh air and exercise, moderation in all things, and most important of all, a system kept clear of clogging waste.

ENO's "Fruit Salt" is the invigorating effervescent health drink which ensures internal cleanliness, purifies the blood and stimulates the digestion. This is why ENO is so much relied upon to counteract any ill-effects of the late hours and over-indulgence associated with Christmas festivities. This is why ENO has its place in every home—now and throughout the New Year.

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"FRUIT SALT"

TRADE MARK

Precipitate Uproar In London Theatre

Caricature of Famous "Rima" Sculpture Pelted With Eggs, Tomatoes and Oranges

Eggs, tomatoes and oranges were thrown from the gallery of the Aldwych Theatre by two young women as a protest against certain caricatures of futurist art, one of which represented Rima, says The London Mirror.

The scene occurred during a charity matinee. Suddenly there arose a commotion in the gallery and two young women were seen standing up and addressing the audience, punctuating their remarks by hurling various missiles at the stage.

The particular object of their derision apparently was the painted caricature of Rima, Epstein's famous sculpture recently set up in a public park.

"Why don't you do your own work and leave us alone?" they shouted. Soon after they ran down to the entrance, where they chartered a taxi and drove away exclaiming: "We've done it. We've done it."

Fat Women Have Smaller Feet Than Slimmer Sisters

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—There is a saying that fat women may always expect consolation. The latest is that they have smaller feet than their slimmer sisters, who take great pride in boylike figures.

Mr. George M. Spangler, who is arranging the national convention of Retail Shoe Dealers here January 7-9, is responsible for the statement.

"Fat people are usually small boned," he said. "Large-boned people have more area over which to spread their flesh and do not show obesity."

All the golfing, health walking and other forms of exercise in which the modern woman is indulging has not enlarged her feet, but has made them smaller and muscular, the shoe men observed.

Entertainers Sing To Grandchildren Of First Admirers

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Stars may come and go and obscurity in so far as tourists are concerned may continue, but the gay Latin Quarter cabarets remain the same as of old. All the glitter and splendor of the Folies Bergere and other great music halls, which are filled with tourists anxious to see Paris at its full height of magnificence, are missing in the Latin Quarter shows.

But what they lack in the way of slightly clad dancers, the cabarets

make up in the suggestiveness of lines in many of the songs and monologues. The humor, however, is lost on listeners without a thorough knowledge of French, and it is for this reason that tourists seldom find their way here. Resembling somewhat the Flying

Dut in Moscow, which produced Balieff and the Chouffe Bouris, later famous in London and New York, the Latin Quarter cabarets exhibit many pictures of former artists that have graduated to the great theatres.

The really famous stars in these cabarets, however, have a large following and do not care to give up careers which are much to their liking to try new audiences. Many of the droll entertainers are singing to the grandchildren of their



Christmas Turkey!

'Um-m-m! Oh Man!

Now, if ever, the kitchen range must strut its stuff. Everything of the best, and certainly nothing less than Shelly's Bread for the dressing.

Shelly's

Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Order a few extra loaves earlier and have them ready for the event.

Phone your Store or Shelly's

Pearls Free Monday!

Pearls
Always a favorite gift—and doubly welcome when it has been chosen from our display of unusually beautiful ones. Our big special of the sale continues.
24-inch strings of indestructible pearls, complete with brilliant set clasp. Special 35c
Fashionable 60-inch ropes of indestructible pearls. Reg. \$6.50. Sale Price **\$1.98**
60-inch strings of seed pearls. Regular \$25.00. Sale Price **\$12.50**

PEARL CHOKERS
Highest quality French indestructible pearls all uniform size. Regular \$4.75. Sale Price **\$4.49**

Diamonds at 1/4 Off
Our entire stock of selected diamonds is marked to clear. Every piece of diamond jewelry still has the original price tag on it, along with the sale price. Values are fully guaranteed.

Ladies' Solitaire Rings
Beautiful sparkling gems in newest basket weave and Tiffany settings of yellow or white gold. Special Reg. \$35.00. Sale Price **\$17.50**

Ladies' Hair Brushes
White Ivory Hair Brushes, with fine quality Russian bristles. Regular \$4.75. Sale Price **\$2.69**

HERE'S big news for Monday's shoppers. In order to relieve the congestion at this store during the afternoon, we make an extra special inducement for you to do your gift buying in the morning. Everyone who visits this store tomorrow morning between 9 and 1 o'clock and makes a purchase to the value of \$2.00 or over will receive a beautiful String of Pearls FREE. These Pearls are 24 inches long, of dainty color and lustre, and they are complete with brilliant-set clasp. In addition, each customer will be entitled to coupons in our Calculation Contest.

We are making this unusual offer because the values at this sale are attracting great crowds, and we want as many as possible of the public to shop in the morning, when we can give each one the best possible attention.

Ladies' Wrist Watch Bargains

Handsome rectangular styles in 10-k white, on yellow gold-filled cases. 15-Jewel fully guaranteed movements. Regular \$22.50. Sale Price **\$12.45**
Bracelet watches in white, yellow or green gold-filled cases. 15-Jewel guaranteed movements. Regular to \$19.50. Sale Price **\$8.75**

Novelty Bead Necklets
French jet and combination colors, also mother-of-pearl in assorted colors. Values to \$9.00. Special **\$1.49**

Men's Watches to Clear

Waltham watches, in gold-filled case, and with guaranteed 7-jewel movement. Reg. \$15.00. Sale Price **\$10.50**
Waltham watches, in calder case. 15-Jewel movement. A watch that will last a lifetime. Regular \$32.00. Sale Price **\$15.75**

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Afraid of Love

By CHRISTABEL RUSSELL

A Trick of Fate
Meryl sat in her room with window wide open in the morning sunlight, waiting for the telephone to ring. Like an obedient black dog, it stood silent upon the table by her bed.
Doria Western had gone off without another word to her.
"The young lady next door," said the chambermaid, "left to catch the Continental express at half-past nine." Meryl's own trunk lay packed in the corner. The child was using them for some complicated game of his own invention. They were leaving Rock-savage today. She had taken rooms for them in a small Bloomsbury hotel. She was still worrying where the capital was to come from with which to start the business she contemplated. She knew no rich people—her own relatives were none too well off when it came to thousands. She might, she told herself without conviction, try Tony's firm, the Bloomsbury Company.
Odd that Doria Western should be going to marry Sir Marcus Crane, who had been her husband's chief. If only some fairy godmother would send someone kind and understanding! She laughed shortly. The days of fairy godmothers were past. She did not live in the world of Hans Andersen's stories.
The telephone trilled; slowly she reached and lifted the receiver.
"Mr. Paul Masterman to speak to you," said a voice.
"Hello, is that you, darling?"
"Yes," Meryl told him quietly. She could not tell him the truth over the wire.
"The greatest news in the world, my dear. Our dream has come true. Ormerods are going to take up the idea. They've offered ten thousand down to make the option certain. Ten thousand! Oh, Doria, Doria, it's absurd. It can't be true—and yet here's the letter in front of me, and I've just been on the 'phone to them."
"How wonderful!" Meryl, despite herself, breathed the words. He had indeed heard with his own ears, his own boyish delight in the miracle of his success.
"I'm coming round now, darling, to take you out to lunch. The Carlton for us—and afterwards we'll take a taxi round Bond Street and fit you up with the most wonderful clothes. She could hear his tone change then as he asked, "Aren't you glad? Your voice sounds queer."
"My dear Mr. Masterman," she forced herself to say.
"Wonderful, wonderful!" came his voice. "I'll be round in half an hour." A click told her that he had hung up the receiver.
It was upon the instant when she had taken on this task. What had moved her to it she could not tell, except perhaps that she had wanted Doria Western to gain her freedom, that she had not wished to see the girl caged in by poverty and dependence. At the moment when she was very hard, and she flinched from it. It was just one of those little tragedies of every day, a wicked trick of fate, that fortune should have come just too late to Paul Masterman. Those eager words, "Wonderful—take you round Bond Street," rung in her ears.
She telephoned the reception clerk. "If a Mr. Masterman calls to see Miss Western send him straight up to my room, Number 172, and don't tell him that Miss Western has left the hotel."
It was not long before he came. At the tap on the door Meryl jumped quickly to her feet. She must go through with the matter now. It was too late to draw back.
"Come in," she called.
The door swung open. Paul Masterman stood on the threshold, staring at her in surprise. He took a little step forward and raised his brows. In his right hand was a huge bunch of carnations.
"I'm sorry," he began.
"Come in, Mr. Masterman."
"You know my name?"
"Yes, Miss Western told me all about you."
"You are a friend of hers? Then perhaps you can tell me which is her room."
"She has given up her room."
"What do you mean?"
"Miss Western left the hotel this morning."
"But I spoke to her on the telephone."
"That was I, Mr. Masterman."

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"I don't understand," he said puzzled.
Meryl could see that without an effort on her part the conversation would drift on like this indefinitely.
"She's gone," she said slowly. "Gone to Paris for good."

CHAPTER III

A Strange Coincidence
"But I don't understand," said Masterman slowly. "I was dining here with her last night."
He was making her task doubly hard. There was nothing for it but to tell him the whole truth as bluntly as possible. Meryl could see that such was his faith in the girl he loved that no mere hint of her treachery could shake it.
"Yes, I know," she went on. "I saw you in the restaurant with Doria. She's no longer here. She took the morning train from Victoria." She hesitated, even now reluctant to hurt him. "Perhaps you don't understand what she has done and why she has done it. I think I can—just. Doria Western was tired of being in love with a poor man. There were so many things she wanted, so many things she envied in other women."

"But I'm not a poor man," he almost whispered.
"No, Mr. Masterman, that's the irony of it, that only this morning you should have heard of your success. At the moment when you were reading the news Doria Western was leaving London—and you—because she thought you never would be successful. She's run away with another man—a very wealthy man—and because I pitied her and could understand her a little I took it upon myself to tell you."

Something fell to the floor. Meryl looked down. The carnations had dropped from the young man's hands and lay scattered on the grey carpet of the room. In Masterman's eyes she saw a look which she knew of old, the blind look of a man who is taking a hard knock. She had seen it before in the eyes of men in South Africa.
"When Doreen Crash he shook his head.
"I was very dense, Mrs. Gould," he said. "A man is dense over that sort of thing. At first I just couldn't believe what you said. Even now I feel that it might all prove a dream, that perhaps it never really happened and that Doria will come in in a minute and tell me all the lies I had made such plans. This was the minute for which we'd lived through the last two years—when I should be able to tell her all the things I wanted. Half an hour ago, when I was on my way here, I planned and imagined just what we should say and do—and now the whole thing has fallen to bits. You can't tell, Mrs. Gould, what it's like when all one's dreams and hopes and ideals smash up at once. There seems to be nothing left. "Oh, yes, I can," she said quietly. "I've been through it myself. Mr. Masterman, I married a man in whom I believed with all my heart, whom I idealized. I went out to Africa with him to his work, and from the moment of arriving there life became for me a series of disillusionments and bitter experiences. I learned a lesson from that."

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"The lesson I learned was this—never again to centre all my hopes on one person, never again to go blind, but in the future to work out my own life, to lean on no one."

"That's a hard code to have learned already, Mrs. Gould."
"Life has been hard to me," she went on. "I can understand how you feel now, as if the ground had been out away from your feet, as if everything you knew and depended on had vanished into thin air. Yes, that is a hard code—and a selfish code—but it makes one proof against hard knocks. Some day, perhaps, I'll tell you my story."

"Are you living here alone?" he asked her.

"Yes. My husband died some time ago."
Masterman looked round the room. "No, he didn't leave me a rich woman. This is my last day at the Rocksavage. I'm going this morning to look for something less expensive."

"I live in a hotel—just off Russell Square—it's a nice, quiet little place, and really ridiculously cheap," he said at last. "I suppose it wouldn't suit you, Mrs. Gould."

"But, of course," she cried, "that's just what I want, and if you recommend it—well, that's half the battle, isn't it? At least, I shan't settle, unaware, into a thieves' kitchen."
They both laughed, she wholeheartedly for the relief she felt, he with rather joyless laughter.

"Well, then, we'll go round before lunch and fix it up," he said. "Shall we put those flowers in water? It's a pity to let them die."

Meryl helped him heap the brilliantly colored carnations in the wash-basin. Young Tony climbed down from the bed and stood watching operations. He seemed to have taken a liking to Masterman—and he did not take readily to strangers.

"I should be so pleased if you would dine with me tonight," the young man said as he dried his hands. "We'd celebrate my good luck. There was a plague of bitterness in his tone."

It had needed a great effort on his part to restrain himself from showing it in a furious outburst of wounded pride. But he was learning the lesson which she had learned.

Meryl, as she accepted his invitation, knew how hurt he was by the desertion of the girl on whom he had lavished so much faith and love. She felt sorry for him, sorer than she felt for most people—and she liked him, too, she who since her last days with Tony Gould had never felt a liking for any man.

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Boy of Twelve, Although He's Been Working at His
Trade of Winter Art for Years and Years

By HOLLY HERRY
Special Correspondent of The Colonist in
Hakimoland
CHAPTER III.
NORTH POLEVILLE, Hakimoland,
Dec. 19 (By Wireless).—The Colonist's
Expedition, whose study of the Santa Claus Christmas

palace. Jack had a hard time
made to look like the hare, he could
not go slow enough. Finally he
picked up the camera and tripod, and
the load slowed him up enough so
that he stayed with the rest of the
party.
When we came to Jack's palace
we gasped in wonder. It didn't seem



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Workshops was described in my wire-
less message yesterday, spent the next
day on a visit to the studios of Pole-
land's most celebrated artist.

It was bright and early in the
morning when Santa Claus said to the
Captain of our expedition, "Get your
moving picture camera, and we'll
go to visit a very dear friend of
mine."

"Who can it possibly be who lives
up here at the North Pole?" asked
Mrs. Cap.

Santa smiles one of his broad
smiles, and with a jolly laugh told
her, "The greatest artist in the
world!"

The gammas hitched up two teams,
and away we sped over hills and
plains, until we came to the edge of
the Polar Sea, where a great glacier,
or river of ice, had piled up moun-
tains of ice, which shone like pure
white diamonds or blue and purple
gems.

"He has seen us already, and is
coming to meet us. Get your camera
ready," cried Santa. He pointed to a
high jagged iceberg, on which we
could see a snow-white figure coming
quickly on a run toward us.

"This is Jack Frost!"

It was apparently a boy about
twelve years old, dressed in pure
white fur from the crown of his head
to the tips of his toes. On the hood
of his fur jacket, called a parka,
wiggled two ears of the Arctic hare,
and on his feet were fur shoes made
like the head of the Arctic hare, with
ears, eyes and nose.

No doubt by this time my readers
have guessed who it was.

"This is Jack Frost," said Santa,
shaking hands with him and intro-
ducing us formally. "You know,
Jack, it is nearly Christmas time, and
you must soon be off to make the
world beautiful with your lovely pic-
tures."

Jack Frost must have the secret
of perpetual youth, for he still seems
like a mere boy, although he has
been working at his trade of Winter
art for many generations.

All this time the Captain had been
cranking the camera to make a re-
cord of the meeting of Santa and Jack
Frost. Then we went to Jack's crys-
tal keep with us, for the Arctic hare
is the fastest animal in the North,
and since Jack was wearing shoes

together in wonderful patterns. Or
you have looked at the marvelous
figures on the frosty window pane in
the morning, and mother has said,
"Look, Jack Frost has been around
and painted the window pane last
night."

Magic Wand Is Brought.
Just imagine how happy we were
to meet Jack Frost, and to see his

home. But there was more pleasure
to come. Jack left us for a few min-
utes, and returned with his magic
wand.

"I am ready to go down South
now, Santa," he said.
"Wait a minute," said Santa. "I
want you to show the Captain some
of your work."

The camera was set up again, and
the Captain turned the crank. There
was a crack in the ice nearby, and
from the water underneath rose a
vapor, as you have often seen it rise
from a river on a frosty morning.
Only here, away up North, it was so
very cold that the vapor settled im-
mediately on the ice.

Jack waved his wand, and the
vapor formed ice crystals into beds of
flowers a foot high—roses, chrysan-
themums, forget-me-nots, lilies of the
valley, carnations—all of the most
delicate pattern, entwined with ferns
and lacework.

The Captain was delighted with the
picture he was getting, when sudden-
ly Jack cried: "Whiz, I am off!"

Goodbye," and before we knew it, he
was gone.
"He is a mischievous boy," said
Santa.
"I know it," said Mrs. Cap. "He's
often nipped my fingers and toes."

Tuesday—A Day in Santa's Observa-

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Jack Frost and Santa Claus Posing for Their Pictures.

Teddy: Mummy, if I put three black
beetles in baby's mouth and baby
swallows them, what would hap-
pen?
Mummy: She would die, of course.
Teddy: Well, she hasn't.

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as hall-boy to a sporting squire and
the description of the manners and
traditional customs of this household
forms a charming chapter. There
was, indeed, some reason for calling
them "the good old days."

Later he entered the service of
Field-Marshal Lord Roberts and of
the Duke of Connaught.
At Admiralty House, Portsmouth,
there was much entertaining of an of-
ficial kind. "I well remember the
German Emperor's visit," says Mr.
Lancelley, "and the luncheon given in
his honor."

"The conversation turned on the
1870 war with France. The
Kaiser was in one of his jovial moods,
and talked incessantly. He was asked
by Lord Charles Bessborough (if I re-
member rightly) what he would do if
he went to war again with France.
He promptly replied: "I would cut
another slice off her to bring me to
the Mediterranean."

"No, no, sir," at once replied Ad-
miral Fisher. "We could not allow
you to do that." At this the Kaiser
smiled, and the conversation was
adroitly turned by the Commander-in-
Chief.

King Edward, when Prince of
Wales, stayed there on several oc-
casions, and looked forward to one
of his favorite dishes which was al-

ways included in the menu when he
was present.

Thin slices of ham served in hot
champagne and a dressed crab at
luncheon were his favorites.

When the dishes were handed to the
Prince he would remark, "Ah, I see
Hodde (the chef) is still here then,
and remembers me. I must see him
after dinner." Which meant a kind
word and a glass of port for the chef.

King George, when Duke of York,
made Admiralty House his headquar-
ters for six weeks when the Melampus
was fitted out for his command.

"His Royal Highness was the re-
verse of his father and plain living
was his motto—good old English fare
his choice and always eggs and bacon
for breakfast."

Some of Lord Roberts' aversions
were said (which, curiously enough,
were fond of him), smoking and bad
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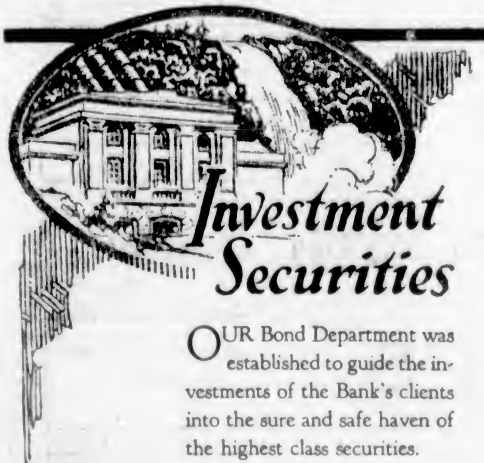
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N.Y.K. Report For Six Months Received Here

Decrease Is Shown in Earnings—Eight Per Cent Dividend Declared by Directors

Mr. A. H. Hebb, local representative of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, received the report made by president Takekichi Shirai in recommending the adoption of the directors' report for the past six months, last night on the arrival of the Kaga Maru.

The president said in brief that the net profits for the six months was about \$550,000, showing a decrease of three quarters of a million yen, or \$375,000. The total earnings showed a falling off of as much as \$335,000, but owing to the saving in expenditure to the extent of \$460,000, the president said, he was able to report the net profit as already given and the directors were able to propose a dividend of eight per cent.

The reduction in total earnings was due largely, the president said, to the trouble in Shanghai, which caused a temporary suspension of the company's service, and also due to the depression in world shipping.

The president emphasized the fact that the directors and the staff were doing their very best to cope with the situation and were prepared to encounter further difficulties.

The president dwelt at length on the proposed reduction of the book value of the fleet by 17,000,000 yen, and the further proposal to increase the pension fund for the benefit of the staff by 5,000,000 yen. The amount of these items was to be transferred from reserve fund accounts.

The president alluded with pardonable pride to the high honor recently won by the passenger steamer of the N.Y.K. London line, through their selection to convey such exalted personages as His Imperial Highness Prince Chichibu and Their Royal Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians. The gracious appreciation and thorough satisfaction expressed by these distinguished patrons was extremely gratifying and encouraging, not only to those directly concerned, but to the company as a whole.

Blacks Demand Franchise

KINGWILLIAMSTOWN, South Africa, Dec. 13.—The convention of native voters representing the Cape Provinces today adopted a resolution claiming the franchise was granted the aborigines of the Cape as an inalienable right in 1811 and urging that there should be no change in the present franchise which might be prejudicial to them.

Branches of Gold

Perhaps the most remarkable and certainly the most costly Christmas tree ever provided was that which graced the apartment of a Klondike millionaire at a New York hotel. Its every branch was loaded with gold nuggets and around the trunk was planted a large pile of \$20 gold pieces. Altogether, the value of this tree was between \$60,000 and \$65,000. He was a young man who had just returned from the Klondike, and provided this unique Christmas tree for the amusement of his wife and children. Before going to the Klondike he was a poor brakeman on the Southern Pacific Railway.

Several years ago one of Chicago's millionaires put a substantial fortune on a Christmas tree. It was decorated with all kinds of valuable articles, from gold watches to infants' gold rattles, as well as with costly gems, set in rings, brooches, bracelets, pins and other things.

Twelve hundred tons of plum pudding are consumed in London at Christmas.

Young donkey is held a delicious Christmas dish by the French peasant.

Marvelous Statues Show Genius of Egypt Artists

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by an Egyptian doctor, has established the age of the mummy, and both experts are strongly inclined to think, before the final examination has been completed, that they have determined the cause of death. What follows is based on that assumption, now the strongest of probabilities.

There was found, in 1904, deep in the rubbish of the temple of the Theban High at Karnak, a statue bearing the name of Horemheb, the powerful general who made himself Pharaoh after Tutankhamen's aged successor, Ay, had died. Horemheb tried to stamp out the memory of poor Tutankhamen, and had effaced Tutankhamen's name from this statue, which was a bust in gray granite.

Professor Maspero, the great Egyptologist, who is now dead, examined this bust and wrote of it, in 1904: "This shows a perfection of technique and a freedom of handling which is the more remarkable since the material is one of the hardest known and most difficult to work with. The Pharaoh shows the symptoms of an individual stricken with consumption." Maspero then continues a painful and minute catalogue, which, if it will transcribe in detail of the symptoms he notes in the granite—the temples, the eyes, the cheeks and mouth, the neck, and he concludes: "A doctor would probably be able to furnish a complete diagnosis of his condition and inform us what state of the malady had been reached when he posed for that statue. That was written when Tutankhamen was a name and no more, when nothing whatever was known about him. The statue is that of a boy of fourteen or fifteen."

Another Statue
In the Cairo museum is another statue, also in gray granite, of Tutankhamen. It was broken up into pieces used by Ramesses IV in building the wall of a sanctuary. After 3,500 years, the temple had fallen into ruin, and the fragments of this statue were pieced together. Tutankhamen is represented as the incarnation of the god Khonsu, he even wears the headdress which ritual prescribed that the sculptor must put on such a sacred statue. But here in what Professor Maspero wrote and published in 1914 about this second statue:

"It wears an expression of sadness or fatigue which is explainable if, as certain physiological characteristics noted very finely by the sculptor lend me to think, the model was in a more advanced state of consumption than the model of the first bust described before was executed."

Now my claim for this unknown sculptor has been made clear. The second bust is apparently that of a lad of seventeen or so. It was executed within a year, two years at most, of his death. The artist was working in granite, a material so hard that no Greek or European sculptors have attempted it, and the finer traits of portraiture have been sought in marble, in a medium. Yet Professor Maspero, with no facts to go on, with only his eyes, was able, eight years before the tomb was found, in read in the lineaments of the granite the boy king's tragic secret.

Records of Great Sculptor

Great art, the greatest, has been said to be intuitive, instinctive, rather than the result of conscious effort to produce a certain effect. That was clearly the case here. The Pharaoh was a god, he bore upon him the symbol of millions of years of life; his court sculptor would have been horrified to be told that he had stamped in the granite the record forever of a deadly disease that was killing the son of Amen, nor would the priests have set these statues up in the temple of Amen, if they guessed what Professor Maspero could read in them. But the sculptor served Truth, he carved what he saw. He had been educated, like all Tutankhamen's artists, in the great school of Akhnaton, the heretic Pharaoh who abolished the idols of Egypt and adored One God, and whose ideal was Truth, so that he even taught his artists to depict his own deformities in the statues they carved of him.

Something must be said in another article of Akhnaton, Tutankhamen's father-in-law, and his school of art. If the master works in the tomb are to be shown against the background that exists for any great period of art. The sculptor of these two statues was but one among many artists whose treasures Tutankhamen's resting-place has guarded until now. Probably each one of them, whether



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Many Attend B.C. Dramatic Recital

Second Part of Programme Given at Memorial Hall—Children Get Gifts

The Memorial Hall was well filled last evening at the second part of the interesting programme arranged by the B.C. Dramatic School, the first part having taken place on Friday evening at the New Thought Temple. The feature of the entertainment, which was greatly enjoyed, was a play, "The First Christmas Tree," in which J. W. Davis, Nellie Rowcroft, Betty Kingsbury, Eve Tingley, Ann Mallock, Rita Hale, Dora Curtis, Ted Coton, Barbara Oldfield, Judith Pope, Norman D'Arcy, Margaret Whyte, Jean Thomas, Bruce White, Emmie Gilman and Jean Craig took part.

The huge Christmas tree on the stage, which was beautifully decorated, was the gift of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. After the play the children in the audience each received a gift from the tree, handed to them by the kiddies on the stage. This play was directed by Miss Ella Pottinger.

Other items on the programme included recitations, "Lassa," by Emmie Davis; "Vespers," by Emmie Gilman; "The Highwayman," by Nellie Rowcroft; a picture number "The Last Voyage of Odysseus," which included the following: George H. Hall, Mrs. Corby, Charles Storck, J. W. Davis, Kathleen Johnston, Eve Tingley, Jack Huttan, Ted Coton, Jack Moloney, Dora Curtis, Betty Kingsbury, Grace Higgins, Lillian Newell, Emmie Davies, Emmie Gilman, Clara Moody, Laura Fox, Margaret Terrible, (solo) Velda Ribbet, Marian Mable.

"Chatterboxes" (Child-Pemberton), Dorothy Whitmore and Audrey Irving (representing the Vancouver branch of the B.C.D.S.).
"The Highwayman" (Alfred Noyes), Nellie Rowcroft; and a charming number "The Land Where the Pomegranates Grow" written by L. Bullock-Webster, and acted by Jennie Beckett and Charles Storck. Mr. C. C. Fuller gave an address on "The Difficulties of Dramatic Art." The concluding number was "The Comedy of Errors," in which Gladys Farwell, assisted by R. G. Miller, D. McAdie, Norman D'Arcy, Hugh Allan, J. W. Bennett, J. W. Davis and Bruce White, took part.

Literary Notes

Among the new additions to the fiction at the Victoria Public Library are many familiar names. The following is a list chosen at random, which will provide popular reading for the Christmas season: Fred Jacob, "Lay Before Yesterday"; H. A. Gwynne, "The Will and the Hill"; Talbot Mundy, "Her Reputation"; J. O. Curwood, "Ancient Highway"; H. A. Cody, "Trail of the Golden Horn"; Louis Becke, "Pacific Tales"; Rex Beach, "The Goose Woman and Other Stories"; Aldous Huxley, "Limbo"; "The Little Mexican and Other Stories"; and "Those Barron Lees"; J. S. Fletcher, "In the Mayor's Parlor"; Johan Bojer, "The

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Christmastide Renews Spirit of Goodwill

The Curious Legend of the Chasse Galarie

THE SMELL of fire and brimstone will not pre-empt the entry of unexpected guests into the Christmas parties of French Canada this year. The snow will not melt away beneath the feet of a mysterious stranger who comes to join in the revels. Enormous, wolfish dogs will regard no one with baleful eyes and send unrepentant sinners mail. Those days have gone. Nevertheless, the tales which centre round the indications of a supernatural presence at the Yuletide gatherings still persist, and many a spine is made creepy to-day as the story-tellers of the village speak of past times, when the Chasse Galarie was often practiced and the Devil himself came to dance with the local belles.

The legend of the Chasse Galarie is of European origin, but it has been adapted to a Canadian setting. In Europe the apparition is a Black Horseman who has sold his soul to the devil and consequently has won the power of transporting himself through the air to whatever locality he wishes to visit. In Canada the means of conveyance is a canoe, and those who man it are usually lumbermen. The change in the story came about naturally, for at certain times of the year a mirage in some parts of the country produces the appearance of a ship high in the air. The fact that lumbermen were chosen as the evil beings who forfeited their souls in return for transportation facilities was due to two causes—first, lumbermen in the early days were the possessors of anything but an enviable reputation as a result of their profanity and hard drinking; and, secondly, they were the people most likely to appear unexpectedly at times of festivity.

Alliance to Devil

Chasse Galarie could be practiced at any time, but it was most popular on Christmas or New Year's Eve when "revels" were being held at home and those far away in the lumber shanties naturally wished to join the revels.

The method of undertaking the only possible voyage which could bring them back to civilization for the holiday season, when they were not given leave from camp, was this. A canoe was first prepared and placed on the ice with as many paddles as there were to be passengers. In the dead of night, when the camp was fast asleep, the hardy spirits who had determined to sell their future lives for the sake of a little more enjoyment in the present, rose silently and made their way to the canoe. There they removed scapulars and all other religious tokens and sealed themselves in the canoe. A few lines of poetry, abjuring all faith in God and acknowledging the Devil as master, were said in unison and then the canoe would rise high in the air and, with all paddling vigorously, would progress at the rate of hundreds of miles in a few hours. Often the Devil would undertake the guidance of the canoe himself and sometimes he joined in the festivities at the end of the trip in that case.

The Chasse Galarie passengers were accustomed to sing songs as they flew through the air and the sound of their voices often added a thrill of horror to the sensation experienced by those who happened to see them as they passed. To see the Chasse Galarie was a terrifying reminder of the need to care for one's own soul; to have taken part in it meant that one's soul was past salvation.

Lurid Confessions

There were very few who ever admitted having traveled by the Chasse Galarie, and those who did revealed the fact only when they had become outcasts because of their notoriously evil ways. The confession then became but one more tale of wickedness to terrify the hearers and increase the atmosphere of superstitious horror with which public regard surrounded them.

On the other hand, there were many who had seen the Chasse Galarie pass overhead and had heard the songs of its passengers. They enjoyed telling of the circumstances and describing their sensations. There were also a few who knew personally men who had traveled by this means, and there was generally a strong moral to the tales in that case, for sooner or later those who sold their souls were visited with some dreadful punishment. Sometimes they died a frightful death; sometimes they were maimed for life in a terrible accident. The fact that many of them had the habit of putting God "en cache" when they left for the woods did not make them immune to his wrath.

This latter custom was practiced only by the most depraved. It consisted in visiting the church of the last town through which they passed on their way to the bush, and there pouring out upon the steps a bottle of wine produced on a certain day and prepared with traditional ceremonies. While the wine trickled down over the steps, words were recited

which would prevent the power of God from passing beyond the church door, as far as the individual performing the ceremony was concerned, until he again crossed the threshold of a church. This left him free for the Winter to commit what are considered minor offences without fear of dire and immediate penalties being exacted. It did not, however, protect the Chasse Galarie sinners, according to old tales. On one occasion, it is said, that a man, enraged because his canoe would not rise in the air one Christmas Eve (the reason being that one man, unknown to the rest of the crew, had fastened to the bow a tiny image of the Infant Christ) threw his axe into the air in his transports of fury and, in descending, it struck his arm, wounding him severely. He immediately was taken to confession and though he professed extreme penitence for his grave sins, the arm shrivelled up and he could no longer

work in the lumber camps. He was finally forced to support himself by begging on the steps of the very church in which he had put his Maker "en cache."

Devil's Hot Feet

With regard to the gatherings joined by the Chasse Galarie travelers, it is recorded that the merriest was great but that often something happened to reveal the presence of the evil doers as having been accompanied by supernatural means. There was an odor of fire and brimstone which often gave them away, though it frequently passed unnoticed during the early part of the evening. When the Devil accompanied them, someone was bound to find out before long that when he walked on the snow it melted away beneath his footsteps, revealed bare ground, or sometimes it was noticed on his arrival that, while the other guests came in covered with the falling snow, he entered with no trace of Winter whiteness on his garments. At other times it was his slenderness, for, how ever he might change his appearance

to resemble that of a charming stranger of many gifts, he could never change the shape of his foot, and, if one stepped on the toe of his shoe, it would always collapse for lack of support inside. A crucifix over the door prevented him crossing the threshold and forced him to enter by the window or through the back door if that were left unprotected; while, when he was discovered, he was driven from the house by the master who advanced, crucifix in hand, towards his uninvited guest. He did not often injure greatly his dancing partners or those with whom he talked, for he gained absolute control only over those who wore no scapular or religious token of any sort.

The Man Wolf

There is another legend which is not confined to the Christmas season, though it frequently happened that the time of the midnight mass on the eve of Christ's nativity was chosen as that most suitable for the punishment of persistent sinners by the method described in the tale—that of the Loup-garou or man-wolf. If anyone missed attending Easter Mass for

seven years in succession, he was in danger of becoming a loup-garou or else of seeing one. Which of the alternatives was the more horrible, it was difficult to say.

The loup-garou was a huge wolfish dog, usually black in color. While retaining that shape he was forced to seek out great sinners and to attack them. He could regain his human form only when blood was drawn from him in conflict with his victims. Otherwise he killed the unrepentant sinner and proceeded onwards in search of others deserving a similar punishment.

He was sometimes seen by lesser sinners, hurrying on his way to further victims, or making for the woods and hills in which he lay in hiding often for years. To see him passing did not leave any permanent ill effects on the witnesses of the sight, but only the innocent could sustain the experience of watching the loup-garou in attack, without suffering at it afterwards.

The unhappy sinner attacked by the loup-garou had, in most cases, but two alternatives—that of being killed or that of being made mad. If he survived, his opponent was either killed outright or restored to his human form by the drawing of blood. The subject of the attack might remain mildly insane for the rest of his days, but more often he became a raving lunatic and had to be committed to the care of an institution—if he lived in time sufficiently advanced in the history of Canada to allow for the existence of asylums; otherwise he rushed out into the night, when he became violent, and disappeared.

The feelings of the loup-garou himself varied. Sometimes he did not realize that he had been once a human. He possessed then only the instincts of a most ferocious animal and a supernatural strength. Occasionally, when he regained his human shape, he was unaware of the fact that he had been a loup-garou, having accomplished his purpose of punishing one or more of those who had persisted in their wickedness; but the fate of his victims often had a salutary effect upon his future conduct, even when he was firmly convinced

Arctic Posts Loyal Keep the Yuletide

ALSO O-UTED-LEE Pee-u-ah-loo Illit-see." To those citizens of the British Empire who will this Christmas sit down in comfortable chairs to watch the flames from the Yuletide log spring up the stout chimney of the old homestead (or yell at the radiator) the motto emblazoned above may appear as an attempt to describe radio static or an imitation of Willie's skates cutting the hardwood floor. To the few who have known a Christmas in the Arctic, they mean something rather more vital.

To the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or, as they are better known, the Royal North West Mounted Police, "Ah-soo-uted lee Pee-u-ah-loo Illit-see" is more than a guttural Eskimo greeting. It is the magic phrase which conjures on the

language, by precept and example have sought to convey to the simple hunters and fishermen the main principles of the Christian religion. They have taught them the necessity of treating one's neighbor in the same way as they themselves wished to be treated, to be honest and just in all their dealings and to respect the rights of others, so that when the Great Spirit calls them to the happy hunting grounds they will be prepared to go, unafraid of the evil spirits which, in the Eskimo conception of things, continually surround them and seek to trap them. But it has been a hard task, for the Eskimo language has not a very large vocabulary, and it is difficult to explain to them in a way they can understand the answer to the problem which to their simple minds is inexplicable, as to why a good man should be nailed to a cross to die.

Tab on Christmas

Nevertheless the missionaries are making steady progress, but the more material side of Christianity has had a longer start, dating back to the old whaling days. Every Eskimo family has a calendar of some sort or other, and even though the Winter night is four months long, they have some conception of the passage of time and mark off the days until they know that December 25 is approaching. Then they make preparations to travel to the nearest police post to celebrate "Pee-u-ah-loo."

To those in close proximity to the depot the marking of the days is a simple matter, for they know that the "Mounties" keep regular hours, getting up at a certain hour in the darkness of the long Winter night and having "lights on" at the end of their day at a fixed time. But how those who are scores of miles away from the white man in their snow igloos know how near they are to Christmas is a mystery, even to the police.

Perhaps the whalers taught them how to reckon, but be that as it may, when Christmas morning arrives, Eskimo families are found coming in to the post from all directions. They travel by dog team, twelve powerful huskies pulling the komatik or toboggan, which contains the family of two or three children with their father and mother, and precious bundles which contain food, presents, or something else.

The ice generally forms across Cumberland Gulf ten days before Christmas, and the snow—which starts to fall about September 15—is blown into drifts, gets soft during the daytime and packs down into ridges and freezes hard at night, so that the family komatik makes an exciting journey into the post, almost like a ship in a rolling sea, up and down, down and up, the dogs straining forward seemingly tireless, and the toboggan gliding over the frozen surface at such a rate that to make thirty-five miles a day is considered fair traveling.

At Pangnirtung there are only four hours of daylight on Christmas Day, but they are four crowded hours of glorious delight for everyone at the post, and the Eskimo takes good care not to miss any minute of it.

Mounties at Home

On arrival at the post, the Union Jack is seen flying from the flag staffs and streamers of other Canadian flags reach out to the various buildings. The quarters of the Mounties are not very spacious—it is hard to keep them warm when the temperature is forty or fifty below zero, and coal, which is brought up every year by the Canadian Government steamer Arctic is as valuable to them almost as the bluer kind of diamond, for without it white men could not live.

The Hudson Bay Post, which is near at hand, is also gaily decorated, and the trading staff combine with the representatives of the Canadian Government in the celebration of Christmas Day.

The Eskimo child does not know of the white bearded Santa Claus that the Canadian child looks so eagerly for. The white men have found that they are frightened at the appearance of anyone with whom they are not familiar. On one occasion, in order to introduce a little variety into the entertainment provided for their amusement, a white trader made himself up as a negro entertainer. But his appearance caused almost a panic among the Eskimos, and they rushed out of the building to their igloos in terror, and would not come back until they were assured that the "bad spirit" had been overcome and had disappeared. And so the Mounties do not ask Santa Claus to visit them—perhaps the explanation is that the white bearded old gentleman has left his home around the North Pole with his reindeer and huge komatik for more southern parts, and has deposited the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—as the embodiment of all that is good and just—to act for him.

Sporting Contests

Be that as it may, as soon as the Eskimos gather the entertainment starts without delay. With only four



The Nativity by Panetti

that he had not been the cause of their final misfortunes.

The fact that the loup-garou punishment often came about midnight on Christmas Eve was attributable to the fact that the unrepentant were given a few months of grace, after the seven year period of neglect of their religious duties, in the hopes that they would redeem themselves by attending midnight mass then. It was also customary for neighbors to urge the reluctant to accompany them to the church on that occasion, and consequently it was only after all attempts to correct the error of the sinners' ways had failed that the direct of all penalties was called into use.

On Christmas Day we will shut out from our fireside nothing.

Hallow Christmas Day.

One of the oldest superstitions prevalent all over Europe is the idea that animals assume the power of speech at Christmas. How this belief started is not known.

black curtain of Arctic light the picture of an English home and all that it means on Christmas Day. For the majority of the Mounties are of Old Country stock. The memories stirred by this weird gangle mean something to the men who are, perhaps, more entitled to be called the "outposts of civilization" than any others. For the Arctic posts of Canada's own Mounties are within a few degrees of the North Pole. Their only companions are the Eskimos and two or three white traders. And it is with the latter that the police cooperate in keeping the Christmas spirit green against an environment of icy whiteness.

Materialistic Eskimo

To the Eskimo, Christmas has nothing more than a materialistic appeal. He knows nothing of its religious characteristics. Christianity has not yet made much progress among his people. There are no churches in the settlements at Pangnirtung, or Craig Harbor, at Pond's Inlet or Dundas Harbor. Missionaries have gone in there and, doing their best to overcome the handicap of

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Charles Dickens Is Novelist of Christmastide

Early Impressions of David Copperfield

THE first objects that assume a distinct presence before me, as I look far back, into the blank of my infancy, are my mother, with her pretty hair and youthful shape, and Peggotty, with no shape at all, and eyes so dark that they seemed to darken their whole neighborhood in her face, and cheeks and arms so hard and red that I wondered the birds didn't peck her in preference to apples.

I believe I can remember these two at a little distance apart, dwarfed to my sight by stooping down or kneeling on the floor, and I going unsteadily from the one to the other. I have an impression on my mind which I cannot distinguish from actual remembrance, of the touch of Peggotty's forefinger as she used to hold it out to me, and of its being roughened by needlework, like a pocket nutmeg-grater.

This may be fancy, though I think the memory of most of us can go farther back into such times than many of us suppose; just as I believe the power of observation in numbers of very young children to be quite wonderful for its closeness and accuracy. Indeed, I think that most grown men who are remarkable in this respect, may with greater propriety be said not to have lost the faculty, than to have acquired it; the rather, as I generally observe such men to retain a certain freshness, and gentleness, and capacity of being pleased, which are also an inheritance they have preserved from their childhood.

I might have a misgiving that I am "meandering" in stopping to say this, but that it brings me to remark that I build these conclusions, in part upon my own experience of myself; and, if it should appear from anything I may set down in this narrative that I was a child of close observation, or that as a man I may have a strong memory of my childhood, I undoubtedly lay claim to both of these characteristics.

Looking back, as I was saying, into the blank of my infancy, the first objects I can remember as standing out by themselves from a confusion of things, are my mother and Peggotty. What else do I remember? Let me see.

There comes out of the cloud, our house—not new to me, but quite familiar, in its earliest remembrance. On the ground-floor is Peggotty's kitchen, opening into a back yard; with a pigeon-house on a pole, in the centre, without any pigeons in it; a great dog-kennel in a corner, without any dog; and a quantity of fowls that look terribly tall to me, walking about in a menacing and ferocious manner. There is one cock who gets upon a post to crow, and seems to take particular notice of me as I look at him through the kitchen window, who makes me shiver, he is so fierce. Of the geese outside the side-gate who come waddling after me with their long necks stretched out when I go that way, I dream at night; as a man enervated by wild beasts might dream of lions.

Here is a long passage—what an enormous perspective I make of it!—leading from Peggotty's kitchen to the front-door. A dark store-room opens out of it, and that is a place to be run past at night; for I don't know what may be among those tubs and jars and old tea-chests, when there is nobody in there with a dimly-burning light, letting a mouldy air come out at the door, in which there is the smell of soap, pickles, pepper, candles, and coffee, all at one whiff. Then there are the two parlors: the parlor in which we sit on a Sunday; grandly, but not quite so comfortably. There is something of a doleful air about that room to me, for Peggotty has told me—I don't know when, but apparently ages ago—about my father's funeral, and the company having their black cloaks put on. One Sunday night my mother reads to Peggotty and me in there, how Lazarus was raised up from the dead. And I am so frightened that they are afterwards obliged to take me out of bed, and show me the quiet churchyard out of the bedroom window, with the dead all lying in their graves at rest, below the solemn moon.

There is nothing half so green that I know anywhere, as the grass of that churchyard; nothing half so shady as its trees; nothing half so quiet as its tombstones. The sheep are feeding there, when I kneel up, early in the morning, in my little bed in a closet within my mother's room, to look out at it; and I see the red light shining on the sun-dial, and think within myself, "Is the sun-dial glad, I wonder, that it can tell the time again?"

Here is our pew in the church. What a high-backed pew! With a window near it, out of which our house can be seen, and is seen many times during

the morning's service, by Peggotty, who likes to make herself as sure as she can that it's not being robbed, or is not in flames. But though Peggotty's eye wanders, she is much offended if mine does, and frowns to me, as I stand upon the seat, that I am to look at the clergyman. But I can't always look at him—I know him without that white thing on, and I am afraid of his wondering why I stare so, and perhaps stopping the service to inquire—and what am I to do? It's a dreadful thing to gaze, but I must do something. I look at my mother, but she pretends not to see me. I look at a boy in the aisle, and he makes faces at me. I look at the sunlight coming in at the open door through the porch, and there I see a stray sheep—I don't mean a sinner, but muton—half making up his mind to come into the church. I feel that if I looked at him any longer, I might be tempted to say something out loud; and what would become of me then? I look up at the monumental tablets on the wall, and try to think of Mr. Bodgers late of this parish, and what the feelings of Mrs. Bodgers must have been, when affliction sore, long time Mr. Bodgers bore, and physicians were in vain. I wonder whether they called in Mr. Phillip, and he was in vain; and if so, how he likes to be reminded of it once a week. I look from Mr. Phillip, in his Sunday neck-cloth, to the pulpit; and think what a good place it would be to play in, and what a castle it would make, with another boy coming up the stairs to attack it, and having the velvet cushion with the tassels thrown down on his head. In time my eyes gradually shut up; and, from seeming to hear the clergyman singing a drowsy song in the heat, I hear nothing, until I fall off the seat with a crash, and am taken out, more dead than alive, by Peggotty.

And now I see the outside of our house, with the latticed bedroom windows standing open to let in the sweet-smelling air, and the ragged old rook-nests still dangling in the eaves at the bottom of the front garden. Now I am in the garden at the back, beyond the yard where the empty pigeon-house and dog-kennel are—a very preserve of butterflies, as I remember it, with a high fence, and a gate and padlock; where the fruit clusters on the trees, riper and richer than fruit has even been since, in any other garden, and where my mother gathers some in a basket, while I stand by, holding furtive gooseberries, and trying to look unmoved. A great wind rises, and the Summer is gone in a moment. We are playing in the Winter twilight, dancing about the parlor. When my mother is out of breath and rests herself in an elbow-chair, I watch her winding her bright curls round her fingers, and straightening her waist, and nobody knows better than I do that she likes to look so well, and is proud of being so pretty.

New Books on Dickens

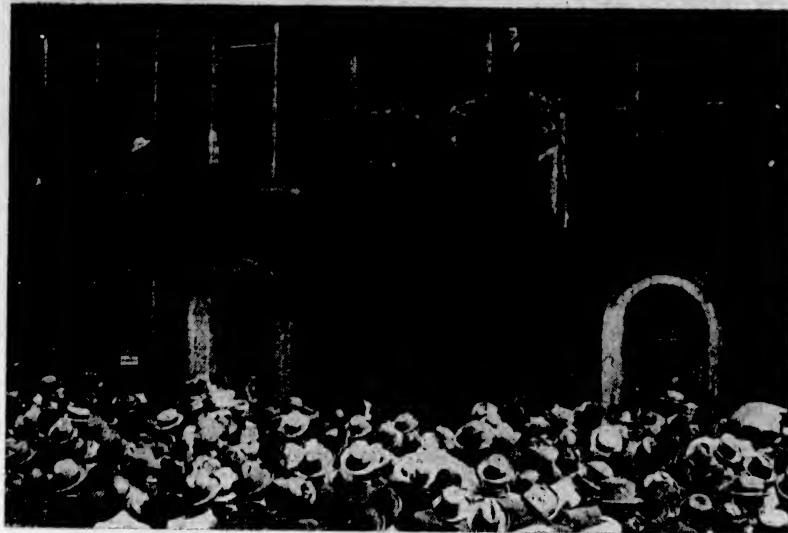
The everlasting interest of Dickens is attested by "The Personal History and Experience of David Copperfield the Younger" (The Macmillan Company), which has been prepared by Edith Freestone Smith. It is merely an abridgment of the famous novel which leaves out the matter not connected with David's personal story; and makes of it a closely woven narrative of his life. There is also in an introduction a short account of the author and the book. The very interesting illustrations, by Harriet Savage Smith, are in silhouette style. In "The Children of Dickens" (Charles Scribner's Sons), Samuel McChord Crothers tells with much charm of style the story of a score or more of the famous children of Dickens' imagination, condensing, describing and illuminating so efficiently that he gets the essential interest of each one into a few pages. To picture them to the eye, Jessie Willcox Smith has made ten delightful full-page illustrations in color.—New York Times Book Review.

She was dead. No sleep so beautiful and calm, so free from trace of pain, so fair to look upon. She seemed a creature fresh from the hand of God, and waiting for the health of life; not one who had lived, and suffered death. She was past all help, or need of it. We will not wake her.

CHRISTMAS DAY

A loud and laughing welcome to the merry Christmas bells!
All hail! with happy gladness, to the well-known chant that swells;
We hush the pealing anthem chord, we bear the midnight strain,
And love the tidings that proclaim Old Christmas once again.
But there must be a melody, of purer, deeper sound,
A rich keynote whose echo runs through all the music round;
Let kindly voices ring beneath low roof or palace dome,
For these alone are carol chimes that bless a Christmas home.

Lord Birkenhead Dedicates Famous House



Dickensians marked the fifty-fifth anniversary of the death of the well-beloved English novelist by formally opening as a centre of interest in all matters concerning Charles Dickens the house, 48 Doughty Street, London. Dickens lived in this house from 1837 to 1839, and wrote several of his earlier books there. The building has been bought by public subscription through the efforts of the Dickens Fellowship. The opening address was made by the Earl of Birkenhead, who is seen addressing the crowd from the flag-draped balcony.

Dickens' House Opened by Fellowship

The Dickens Fellowships all over the world contributed towards this great tribute to the "Great Londoner," Charles Dickens, the home where Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby and other immortal characters were born. It was to this modest home that Dickens brought his young bride, and shortly after gave the world many of his best-loved novels. The following account appeared in the Dickens Fellowship's journal, The Dickensian:

The Dickens House, 48 Doughty Street, London, was formally opened to the public on June 9, the fifty-fifth anniversary of Dickens' death. The ceremony was performed by Lord Birkenhead, who was supported by Mr. W. Pett Ridge, Sir Frederic Macmillan, Sir Edmund Gosse, Sir Arthur Pinero, Sir George Frampton, Sir Alfred Temple, Mr. Ridgwell Calum, Mr. Francesco Berger, Mr. Bransby Williams, Mr. Saxe Wyndham, Mr. J. Cumming Walters, Mr. Walter T. Spencer, members of the Council of the Dickens Fellowship, and other Dickens enthusiasts from Massachusetts, Michigan, Philadelphia, New York, Vancouver, Chicago, San Francisco, Bethlehem (U.S.A.), New Zealand, Australia, and Denmark; whilst many English branches of the Fellowship were represented by delegates up for the conference.

House Is Crowded

The house was crowded long before Lord Birkenhead arrived, and the overflow formed a considerable crowd on the pavement and roadway. It was decided, therefore, that His Lordship should address the company from the open window. Mr. Pett Ridge, the president of the Fellowship, formally introduced Lord Birkenhead, who said:

"I come here today with very great satisfaction for the purpose of declaring this Memorial open. It will be within your knowledge that the great man whom today we celebrate left a condition in his will that no monument or memorial of him should be preserved. I am sorry that some of those who have the strongest right to hold an opinion upon this point have taken the view that this Memorial is not in entire agreement with the great man's wishes. The committee of this Institution, exercising, as they were bound to do, their own opinion after respectfully considering the opinion of others, reached the conclusion that this was not and could not have been the kind of memorial that Charles Dickens had in his mind. (Hear, hear.)

"I suspect that the memorial of which he was writing was the kind of statue or monolith which would have been the material perpetuation of his name. This is the kind of memorial which he himself indicated; he said that he desired to be remembered by his published works, and it is the object of this house to give every opportunity to those who still admire and love him of seeing that very agency at work—the influence of his published works. (Applause.)

Available for All Time
"And I cannot help thinking that he would have cherished the knowledge,

could he have had it, that the house which he first rented in London, and to which he brought his young wife, the house in which Oliver Twist and Wackford Squeers and Kate Nickleby were all born, was for all time to be made available to the admirers of his genius.

"Those who are present here today take the view, I know, that with each generation that has passed the reputation of Charles Dickens has grown greater and not less. (Cheers.) The Memorial that has been set up here is in some ways a modest one. But, at the same time, it already contains a larger library and a number of first editions and of subjects of personal association with Dickens than could be witnessed elsewhere, and it will be a shrine in London to which his admirers from all over the world can come. (Cheers.)

"Today, ladies and gentlemen, we do homage to a great Londoner, one of the greatest men who has ever written in fiction about London, a man who was familiar with the very spirit of London, a man who, at the same time, was the greatest social reformer that has ever been born. (Cheers.)

For social purposes, we do well then to assemble here to do homage to a genius so tender, so humorous, so true. I declare this Memorial open. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Declined Honors

Charles Dickens was one of the people and he remained one. It was well-known that after his interview with Queen Victoria—who "for many years past has taken the liveliest interest in Mr. Dickens' literary labors, and has frequently expressed a desire for an interview with him"—he denied in toto that he had been offered honors; but added that had been offered a "place in the Privy Council," as has been stated, he would have respectfully and humbly declined it.

Again, he refused to be a candidate for Parliamentary honors. He was invited to sit for the Borough of Finsbury. He replied: "I am not at all the sort of man; for I believe nothing would induce me to offer myself as a Parliamentary representative of that place, or of any other under the sun."

The only direct attempt to join a political agitation was his speech in Drury Lane Theatre for administrative reform in 1861, and he never repeated it. But every movement for practical social reforms, to obtain more efficient sanitary legislation, to get the best compulsory education practically for the poor, and to better the condition of laboring people, he assisted earnestly to his last hour; and the readiness with which he took the chair at meetings having such objects in view, the help he gave to important societies working in beneficent ways for themselves or the community, and the power and attractiveness of his oratory, made him one of the forces of the time. His speeches derived singular charm from the buoyancy of his perfect self-possession, and to this he added the advantages of a person and manner which had become as familiar as his books. The most miscellaneous assemblages listened to him as a personal friend.

In this round world of many circles within circles, do we make a weary journey from the high grades to the low, to find at last they lie close together, that the two extremes touch, and that our journey's end is but our starting place!

Christmas Again

"Christmas again," we all say, as the dear old time comes round. But what changes the last century have brought to us. Do we not greatly miss the Yule-Tide stories, the "Mummers," "The Christmas Players"—with St. George, old Father Christmas, the doctor, and other characters dressed in the most grotesque style accompanied with a hobby horse, and acting a most ludicrous tragic comic fight? How we have laughed at the "ancient man wearing a large mask and wig, with a large club to keep the bystanders in order," with his:

Here comes I, old Father Christmas.

Welcome, or welcome not, I hope old Father Christmas. Will never be forgot.

And the carol singing and waits, if they have not disappeared, have in many parts ceased to occupy the place they once did. We feel sad at the change. The drinking customs, and the rude, unmeaning ceremonies which at one time prevailed, we surrender with great satisfaction; but the merry, quaint, and venerable usages which have made Christmas so joyous to our forefathers, we would fain have retained for our children's children.

And still around these good old times

We hang like friends full loth to part.

We listen to the simple rhymes

Which sometimes sink into the heart.

Half musical, half melancholy.

Like childish smiles that still are holy—

A masker's face dimmed with a tear.

For Christmas comes but once a year.

Dickens' Advice to His Son

"Never take a mean advantage of anyone in any transaction, and never be hard on people who are in your power. Try to do unto others as you



ALFRED JINGLE, ESQ.
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would have them do unto you. The New Testament is the best book that ever was, or will be known in the world. I now most solemnly impress upon you the truth and beauty of the Christian religion, as it came from Christ Himself. Never abandon the wholesome practice of saying your own private prayers night and morning.

Guild of Goodwill Seeks Happier Lives

(By A. T. Price)

ON my visit to Philadelphia in 1924 as a delegate representing the four hundred members of the Montreal Branch of the Dickens Fellowship, I had the privilege of hearing that staunch Dickensian, Dr. Howard Duffield, of New York, deliver a delightful address on "The Guild of Goodwill, or Every Day a Christmas Day." Extracts from this address, I think, will be interesting and will appeal to all Dickensians:

"There is a singular propriety in holding a Conference of Dickensians in Philadelphia. There could be no more fitting place for a meeting of the Dickens Fellowship than the 'City of Brotherly Love.' This happy significance of locality receives additional emphasis from the fact that the Commonwealth, of which this great town is the metropolis, bears the name of a leading representative of the Society of Friends. To think of humanity in terms of fraternity and to seek to unify all the peoples of the earth by the diplomacy of friendship is to occupy the standpoint of Charles Dickens.

"Such an atmosphere inevitably breeds typical Dickensians. Not long ago a volume was written entitled 'The Dickens Circle.' It read like a sort of 'Who's Who' in the literary, political and social life of England at the time of which it treated. Its title might not inappropriately be applied to the Philadelphia Branch of the Dickens Fellowship, whose large and cordial hospitality warms our hearts today.

The Dickens Fellowship exists to minister to the need of the present time. Its members meet not merely for amusement and recreation, or to snatch a few moments from the pressure of business and the grinding monotony of daily care, to enjoy the inspirations of literature, the solace of music and the cheer of friendly faces and voices. The prime object is not entertainment, but the liberating of a force which shall have a distinct influence in the rebuilding of a wrecked world. The very orbit along which the earth shall swing out of the shadows and pass into sweeter light and roomier spaces of the beckoning future are those which the Fellowship exists to exalt. The guardianship of a child against the heartless demands of labor, the protection of women against the brutal inhumanity of the white slave traffic, the defence of the oncoming generations against the blight of narcotics, the establishment of sympathetic relationships between employer and the wage earner, the creation of an equitable equilibrium between small nations, the awakening of a vision that shall conceive of humanity as a unit and shall resolve racial differences and antagonisms into a fraternity of co-operation for the common good.

Themes of Ideals

"These are the ideas that stand like the keepers of the gate, at the threshold of a new day. These are the themes that stirred the soul and drove the pen of Charles Dickens. These are the questions which this Fellowship is organized to face and to the measure of its influence, to solve, by mastering and diffusing the Dickensian ideals.

"The world was ever present to Charles Dickens. The world as it was, he understood in all its woe and want. The sad, deep music of humanity was ever sounding through his soul. The world as it might be was ever haunting and beckoning him to the exercise of his rarely gifted powers. To a sad world, he gave laughter; to a dark world, he gave hope; to a cold world, he gave love; to a mysterious world, he spoke of God; to a death-stricken world, he wrote of immortality. The world of today is unwittingly embodying his ideals. The hope of the world of tomorrow is in the prevalence of his principles.

"Long ago, One said: 'Except ye become as a little child, ye shall not come into' kingship. The patent of Dickens' royalty, the secret of his universal sway is that his heart was the heart of a child. He looked upon the world through the eyes of a child; he faced its necessities and possibilities with the thought of a child; he foresaw the inevitable triumph of good with the optimism of a child.

Never Grew Old

"When Dickens died he was in his fifty-ninth year, but, like Peter Pan, he had not grown old. He went through life hand in hand with little children, with Oliver Twist, and Little Nell, and the Marchioness, with Tiny Tim and Paul Dombey, with poor Joe who swept the street, and the Doll's Dressmaker who went up on the housetop to play being dead and in heaven. He loved the stars and flowers and bright colors and good things to eat and laughter and congenial companionship just like a child. He shrank from cold and pain and the dark and harshness and meanness and injustice



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and hate, just like a child. The pendulum in the clocks talked to him, the waves of the sea sang to him, the flames in the chimney-fire painted pictures for him, the cricket on the hearth chirped for him, the door-knockers and wall papers made faces at him, the leaves ran races with him. All nature about him was a playfellow to a child. He wrote his books as the message of a child: 'God is the Father of us all; we are here to make the earth more like home; when our tasks are ended we will run away to the Home Eternal.'

"Our coming together is to regain and refresh ourselves with the childlike simplicity and confidence of the Dickensian outlook on life, to calm our troubled thought and our weakened faith in this perplexing and perilous time, with the remembrance and realization that the welfare of the world is not determined by decrees of Parliaments and acts of Congress and social revolutions and constitutional amendments and ecclesiastical orthodoxies and international treaties. The message for which the strained ear of humanity is listening is contained in the contagious laughter of Pickwick, the brave words of Nicholas Nickleby, the pleading cry of Oliver Twist, the gentle silvery accents of Little Nell, the knightly speech of Peggotty and Joe Gargery, the winsome music of Tom Pinch's organ, the rippling voice of his sister Ruth, which opens in the heart fountains of gladness more marvelous than the fountain which sparkled in the Temple Court; the magic sentences of Agnes and Little Dorrit, of Bella Wilfer and Lizzie Hexam which atmospherized the hard and dusty ways of life with light; Sir Leicester's chivalrous devotion to Lady Dedlock, proclaiming that nothing matters but love; and Sidney Carton's sublime echo of the Calvary cry, as he laid down his life for his friend. The heart-moving chorus of these voices publish a never-to-be-forgotten, and never-more-needed message of hope and courage for a world that is groping in the dark.

Bettered by Manhood

"The earth will be bettered, not by machinery but by manhood, not by credal conformity, but by character, not by diplomacy but by life, not by commercial schemes but by moral enthusiasms. The simple, childlike characters that troop through Dickens' pages, paving with light the humblest ways of life, furnish the ideals which must be realized by the builders of a reconstructed world. The eye to see, the hand to help, the thought to cheer, the heart to dispense kindness to everybody, everywhere, are the only agencies imbued with energy potent enough to transform the careworn earth, as the gentle ministries of the Springtime drive away the chill dreariness of the Winter and clothe it with Summer's golden glories."

Emerson on Dickens

He had many reservations with regard to Dickens. He could not easily forgive anyone who made him laugh immoderately. The first reading of "Dr. Marigold" in Boston was an exciting occasion, and Emerson was invited to "assist." After the reading he sat talking until a very late hour, for he was taken by surprise at the novelty and artistic perfection of the performance. His usual calm had quite broken down under it; he had laughed as if he might crumble to pieces, his face wearing an expression of absolute pain; indeed, the scene was so strange that it was mirth-provoking to those who were near. But when we returned home he questioned and pondered much upon Dickens himself. Finally he said: "I am afraid he has too much talent for his genius; it is a fearful locomotive to which he is bound, and he can never be freed from it nor set it at rest. You see him quite wrong evidently and would perjure me that he is a genial creature, full of sweetness and amenities, and superior to his talents, but I fear he is harnessed to them. He is too consummate an artist to have a thread of nature left. He daunts me. I have not the key."

Yule Customs Come From Many Lands

Christmas Customs Grow Out of Centuries

The twenty-fifth day of December has been long set apart by the Church for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ; but the celebration was not universally observed by the Christian communities on this day in earliest times, and it cannot be guaranteed as the true anniversary, for the real date of the nativity has always been a matter of speculation and seems impossible of discovery.

Date of Nativity

In the first two or three centuries of Christianity the various churches more or less chose their own times; many adopted the vernal equinox, being the time of the Jewish Passover, the twenty-fifth of March, which day is now kept as that of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. Others celebrated at the Autumnal equinox, which was the Feast of Tabernacles in the Jewish Church; and this was later made the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, or Michaelmas Day. Itly about two hundred years after the crucifixion, however, the season of the New Year had been chosen for the period of the nativity, but the Western church observed it on the twenty-fifth of December, and the Eastern on the sixth of January, which day was regarded as the anniversary of the day upon which Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, when the Spirit of God descended upon him, and he became divine. Later the churches agreed that from the very commencement he was divine and therefore both churches observed the first named day, when then appears to have been fixed by an Act of Julius, who was Pope of Rome from 337 to 352 A.D. The day of baptism—Epiphany—continued, however, as a great festival, popularly known as Twelfth Day.

In Pre-Christian Days

Long before the Christian era a festival was kept in nearly all countries at the time of the Winter solstice—the twenty-first of December—and, as the people became converted to Christianity, a sort of compromise was effected with the converts, who were naturally very reluctant to give up their old seasons of rejoicing, by transferring the heathen ceremonies to the solemnities of the Christian festivals. In this manner heathen observances are still with us, and it may be quite truly said that Christmas Day, in so far as it is a day of feasting, and jollification, is older than Christianity. One can quite understand how the early missionaries required to use a certain degree of diplomacy, not to interfere too severely with old established customs. In the matter of mistletoe, for instance, one can quite imagine a self-respecting Ancient Briton might well have doubts as to the advantage of adopting Christianity if such adoptions necessitated the abolition of those particular rites which have continued to provide pleasure even to our own times.

Whether Christmas Day falling upon a Friday be a matter of good or bad luck I do not know, but for Christmas to come on Sunday, need to be considered very lucky. The Winter should be good, and the following Summer fair and dry. Through all lands should be peace, and as the poet put it:

"What childe that day borne be,
A great lord he shall be."

If, on the other hand, Christmas befall a day earlier, on Saturday, everything would go wrong—children born that day would die within half a year. There would be great tempests, that should kill man and beast, and the corn and fruit crops would fail. The last line of this cheerful prophecy in verse is:

"Thou dyest yf seknts take thee."

Doubtless there were many consolatory verses, however, even if Christmas were on a Saturday, and it was entirely in order to prove the prophet to be a false one, by demonstration during the succeeding year.

Christmas on a Monday was indelibly impressed upon my recollections of childhood by reason of our vicar mounting the pulpit as usual, giving out a text, and then saying: "I feel quite sure none of us really wish for a sermon on two consecutive days, so I wish you all a very happy

and joyful Christmas." This curtailment of the church service was received with unqualified approval by my brothers and sisters and myself.

Mothers' Night

The Venerable Bede says: "The ancient people of the Angli began the year on the twenty-fifth of December and called it 'Mothers' Night.'" Why it was called "Mothers' Night" or what these ancient peoples did, Bede does not say; but our Anglo-Saxon forefathers certainly celebrated the feast of Thor at this season and called it "Guil," which I understand was a word somehow derived from "oil" meaning "ale." The word became corrupted later into "Yule," and from this we may possibly conclude that it was a season of feasting when mother opened up her best home-brewed. From the little I have read of these old-timers that worshipped Thor, the Wielder of the Hammer, who corresponded to Jupiter in the Roman polytheism, I should imagine the quality and strength of the ale sold by our Government stores might have been deemed rather inadequate to the occasion.

The Mistletoe

The custom of decking churches, houses and stores with evergreens has existed from the very commencement of Christianity, and was unquestionably derived from the practices of our pagan ancestors. The Celts and Goths were both alike distinguished for the respectful veneration they entertained for the mistletoe, and for the solemn rites with which they gathered it about that period which is now Christmastide. The Druids held in highest regard that mistletoe which grew upon oak, and attributed to it numerous virtues. They gathered it with great solemnity, cutting it from the tree with a golden bill-hook or knife, the officiating priest being clothed in white. These old Druids had an extraordinary veneration for the number three, and this perhaps occasioned the mistletoe being held so sacred by them, since both its berries and its leaves grow, more or less, in clusters of three on one stalk. A quaint old writer thus moralizes upon the practice of Christmas decorations. "So our churches and houses are decked with bayes and rosemary, holly and other plants which are always green. Winter and Summer, to signify and put us in mind of His Deity, that the child that now was born was God and man, who should spring up like a tender plant, should always be green and flourishing, and live for evermore."

Christmas Presents

The institution of Christmas boxes or presents seems to have descended to our times from the ancient Romans, who at the season of the Saturnalia, practiced universally the custom of giving and receiving presents, especially dolls for children, which were made of earthenware; and the practice was denounced by the early Christians on account of its heathen origin, and doubtless the proceedings at the Saturnalia were of a somewhat disorderly nature. One old writer, nevertheless, gives the Church herself the credit of originating Christmas boxes, which "are as ancient as the word 'Mass,'" which the Roman priests invented from the word "mittere," to send, thus putting the people in mind to send gifts, offerings, oblations, and to have Masses said. "For as," he writes, "no ship goes out to the Indies but the priests have a box in that ship under the protection of some saint; and for Masses to be said for them to that saint, the people put something into the priests' box, which is not to be opened until the ship returns; so the Mass at this time is Christ's Mass, and the box Christ's Mass box, that Masses might be made by the priests to the saints, to forgive the people the sins of that time, and from this, servants had liberty to get box money."

Debating Societies

In the "Mudfog Papers" Charles Dickens wrote:

"However exciting the subject of discussion, however animated the tone of the debate, or however warm the personalities exchanged, Nicholas Tubrumble was always the same. To say truth, Nicholas, being an industrious man, and always up betimes, was apt to fall asleep when a debate began, and to remain asleep till it was over, when he would wake up very much refreshed, and give his vote with the greatest complacency. The fact was, that Nicholas Tubrumble, knowing that everybody there had made up his mind beforehand, considered the talking as just a long boresome about nothing at all; and to the present hour it remains a question, whether on this point at all events, Nicholas Tubrumble was not pretty near right."

A regularly orthodox jolly Christmas is suggestive of log fires, plum puddings, and family gatherings.

Some Strange Gifts of Yuletide Season

The season of goodwill brings us all many tokens of regard and good wishes from friends near and far away. It is strikingly remarkable the strange form these gifts take, and one may well be set thinking as to the cause and reason why such and such a thing was sent as a Christmas gift.

There are many cases on record which are freakish, and, no doubt, the donors have been prompted to make the gift an odd one, owing, perhaps, to circumstances and occasions being unique, such as these:

Preserved Beauty

Queen Victoria once received as a Christmas offering from that famous horticulturist, David Veerenberg, of Philadelphia, a bunch of twelve magnificent Queen of Edgley roses, each flower being eight inches in diameter, with a stalk a yard long.

The marvelous part of this gift was that the flowers arrived in perfect condition after a journey of 3,000 miles. Each stem had been placed in a separate sealed tube of water, each bud wrapped in wax paper, and the whole buried in cracked ice and moss.

Dickens' Christmas Carol

H. F. Dickens, K.C., tells an interesting story concerning the original manuscript of his father's famous Carol. The novelist presented the manuscript to Thomas Milton, an old schoolfellow.

In 1875 Mr. Milton sold it to Francis Harvey, a bookseller, for \$2.50. Then it passed into the hands of George Churchill, an enthusiastic autograph collector. Mr. Churchill treasured it until 1882, when circumstances compelled him to part with it.

After photographing every page of it, it was sold to Mr. Bennett, a Birmingham bookseller and curio dealer, who eventually found a purchaser who readily signed a cheque for \$1,000 for it.

Finally it was bought by Stuart M. Samuel, of Kensington Palace Gardens, for \$1,500, who is said to still remain in possession of the precious document.

Expensive Crackers

Some time ago a firm in the Midlands received an order from a millionaire to manufacture a box of crackers of special design.

The box had to be placed in the hands of a jeweler to be made, for the customer had stipulated that it was to be a handsome silver casket.

Inside the casket were placed six crackers, the wrappers being of figured satin and old lace. The box of crackers cost \$1,200.

Lack of Discretion

Last Christmas a poor clergyman's wife received from a rich friend in town a magnificent piece of Oriental embroidery, gorgeous in crimson and gold, with a kindly hope that she could use it for a Sunday dress! The poor lady smiled grimly as she laid the present away. A pair of new boots or a piece of black silk—now either would have been invaluable.

In another case, a would-be philanthropist, also of the fair sex, sent a poor old cottage woman a beautifully bound copy of Milton's poems. That the latter could barely spell out her Bible with the aid of her spectacles never seemed to have occurred to the sender; nor that a pound of tea would have been much cheaper and infinitely better appreciated.

Perhaps the most remarkable and certainly the most costly Christmas tree ever provided was that which graced the apartment of a Klondike millionaire at a New York hotel. Its every branch was loaded with gold nuggets and around the trunk was planted a large pile of \$20 gold pieces. Altogether, the value of this tree was between \$60,000 and \$65,000.

Curious Legacies

Even at the not so very distant date, comparatively, of 1821, a certain John Hall left consols to the value of \$700 for providing a Christmas dinner of roast beef and plum pudding for the prisoners of Northampton County Jail; while in 1856, Thomas Cattell left a rent charge of £25 per annum to purchase beer and cornmeal for the poor prisoners of Newgate and other prisoners of the metropolis.

There may be seen on the benevolent table at Deptford Church a record to the effect that "a person unknown gave a load of peatstraw at Christmas yearly, for the use of the church." The bequest has since been put upon a strictly money basis.

Thoughts on Christmas

Forget not Christmas.

With Christmas comes merry-making.

Christmas Day is the season of good cheer all the world over.

On Christmas Day all should be welcomed with good cheer and true hospitality.

A Philadelphia Prison

(By A. T. Price)

As a delegate from the Montreal Branch of the Dickens Fellowship I went to Philadelphia to attend the convention, and one of the places I visited was a penitentiary, which was visited by Charles Dickens in March, 1842. In a letter to his friend, John Forster, dated from Washington, March 13, 1842, he says:

"I went last Tuesday to the Eastern Penitentiary, near Philadelphia, which is the only prison in the States, or I believe, in the world, on the principle of hopelessness, strict, and unrelaxed solitary confinement during the whole term of the sentence. It is wonderfully kept, but a most dreadful, fearful place. The inspectors, immediately on my arrival in Philadelphia, invited me to pass the day in the jail, and to dine with them when I had finished my inspection, that they might hear my opinion of the system. Accordingly I passed the whole day in going from cell to cell, and conversing with the prisoners. Every facility was given me, and no constraint whatever imposed on any man's free speech. If I were to write you a letter of twenty sheets, I could not tell you this one day's work; so I will reserve it until

that happy time when we shall sit round the table at Jack Straw's—you and I, and Mac—and go over my diary. I never shall be able to dismiss from my mind the impressions of that day. Making notes of them as I have done, is an absurdity, for they are written, beyond all power of erasure, in my brain. I saw men who had been there, five years, six years, eleven years, two years, two months, two days; some whose term was nearly over, and some whose term had only just begun. Women, too, under the same variety of circumstance. Every prisoner who comes into the jail, comes at night; is put into a bath, dressed in the prison garb, and then a black hood is drawn over his face and head, and he is led to the cell from which he never stirs again until his whole period of confinement has expired. I looked at some of them with the same awe as I should have looked at men who had been buried alive, and dug up again."

(This experience doubtless gave Dickens the idea for the character of Doctor Manette, in "The Tale of Two Cities.")

Mistletoe was once thought to have medicinal qualities. It was prized for its supposed curative effect upon epilepsy and convulsions.

Arctic Posts Loyally Keep the Yuletide

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hours of daylight to work in, the first concern of the whites is to carry out a sports programme, and no trained band of athletes ever entered a contest with greater zest than do the inhabitants of Ellesmere Island, for the prizes to them are valuable and worth striving for. It matters not that the temperature is half a hundred degrees below zero, the natives pull off their caribou skin coats, jump into sacks and race off along the snow to the winning tape, hopping, tumbling, rolling and struggling, old and young, with just as much glee as ever a schoolboy showed at the closing athletic meet of his college. Potato races, and straightaway sprints, in which they show exceptional speed, obstacles races, which create barrels of fun, and skiing contests, using the staves of a barrel for skis, and coming down the steep glacier slopes at terrific speed, are carried out one after the other without delay.

And Dinner

And the comes the time for Christmas dinner in the police post.

The mysterious packages in the Komatiks are opened, neighboring glooms are invaded, and men and women appear in the most wonderful array of white man's clothes. Women appear in print dresses and old skirts over their Eskimo clothing, or, if they are fortunate enough to possess one, a man's shirt, which is allowed to hang down like a loose jumper, while the men wear a weird assortment of Eskimo and white man's clothes which defies description. If people in the civilized parts of the world only knew how much an old blouse or skirt or waistcoat or a pair of knickerbocker pants was prized by the Eskimos, the Canadian Government supply ship Arctic would every year carry a cargo of happiness to the Arctic circle that would excel in value, in their eyes, the supplies that now load her to the gunwales each June.

We must hasten to the feast. Steaming hot soup, roast ptarmigan, roast bear meat, Christmas pudding, mince pies and biscuits form the menu, washed down with lemonade or tea or coffee with condensed milk. The Eskimo is a loyal citizen of the British Empire, and when the meal is over and the police officers raise their glasses, the natives know that the toast of "The King" is in order, and everyone arises, lifts his cup or mug and says "King." They know this represents the "wealthy white man," as they describe him, who looks after their interests and sends the "Mounties" up to see that they carry out the laws of the land. The meal has sometimes to be served in relay—at Pangnirtung there were over a hundred Eskimos gathered for the Christmas celebration. But they hurry it through so as to be ready for the distribution of presents.

And the giving is not all on one side. The police and traders distribute pieces of print cloth, tobacco, pipes, cigarettes and matches, candies, beads, harpoons and similar gifts, and in return are the recipients of pieces of carved walrus bone, in the shape of kayaks, animals, knives and komatiks, sealskin handbags, and the highly prized pieces of caribou sinew which are used as thread, as well as sealskin and caribou pants and hooded jackets.

The Dance Is On

Daylight quickly fades and oil lamps are lit while the tables are cleared and room made for dancing for there is nothing an Eskimo likes better than dancing.

To the music of a gramophone, but more often to an accordion or two, in the manipulation of which many Eskimos are past masters, they dance for hour after hour. They do not care much for jazz music—they have not

been educated down to that as yet—but they dance something like an old-fashioned Scotch square dance, which is a mixture of lancers and schottische, polka and shuffle, of which they never seem to tire. Soon the room gets more than warm and the odor from seal oil lamps and human bodies is somewhat powerful, despite the fact that the Eskimo has one of his rare washes before joining in the Christmas festivities. So vigorously do they step and shuffle about on the dance floor that soon they strip off their coats and jackets, and even their shirts, and the perfume needs rigorous ventilation to mellow it sufficiently for the whites to bear it.

But the Eskimo is in his element—when he gets too hot he goes out into the below zero night air, and cools off, and then comes back to dance and dance until three or four o'clock in the morning, and feels he had not enjoyed himself to the full unless he has danced for eight or nine hours on end.

And everywhere, throughout the celebration one hears "Ah-soo-ut-tee-lee, tee-oo-ah-loo illit-see," which being interpreted means "How are you? A very good Christmas to you."

The last dance has been played, the Mounties are tired, for though they spend two or three years at a time within the Arctic circle they have not the stamina of the native, and so they shake hands with their Eskimo guests, who after being wished a good hunting season, unhitch their huskies who have been providing an accompaniment of howls throughout the festive proceedings and set off through the darkness for their hunting grounds—there to start marking off their calendars each day until once more they can meet together and say "Ah-soo-ut-tee-lee tee-oo-ah-loo illit-see."

On Lonely Patrols

Inevitably, of course, some of the Mounties are so placed for the day that their isolation excludes indulgence in its normal observance. This Christmas there will be several of them out on lonely patrols provided with food in plenty, but forced to eat it alone.

At Christmas in the organized posts nearer civilization the officers and their wives call and there is an exchange of the seasonal felicitations. Afterwards, there may be an impromptu dance or an entertainment, because the force is not lacking in such lines of talent.

Out in Macleod, Alberta, in the early evening days, Christmas was a great event in the Sergeant's Mess of the Mounted Police. Judge Macleod, after whom the place was named, Sir Frederick Haultain, Commissioner of the Territories, and everybody of note in the district could be relied on to be present. Certainly "a pleasant time was had by one and all." For every feature of the celebration the supplies were adequate. The function is still kept up but not on such extensive lines, because the place has become more populated and the police post is correspondingly smaller.

So far as it is possible, an endeavor is always made to have a patrol together at Christmas but, even with two or three present, Christmas, perhaps in a howling blizzard in an ice bound country, is robbed of the joy to the significance, that attaches to the day in the confines of civilization. And there will be cases, this year as always, where a man will be out in the solitudes, thousands of miles from home and friends and civilization, spending a Christmas alone but with the spiritual illumination of The Star of Bethlehem and with his heart quickened by that sustaining joy that attaches to the day when it comes and wherever one may be placed.

"Mummers" Were Christmas Actors of Old

By C. L. ROBERTS

A few years before they beheaded King Charles, the Puritans passed an Act of Parliament forbidding any merriment or religious service at Christmas, on the ground that it was a heathen festival; and declared holly and ivy to be badges of sedition. When Charles II became King, however, Christmas became Christmas again, although the Scots adhered to the Puritan view and still, in the main, keep New Year's Day as their major festival. To the Puritans, who first settled in New England we owe the institution of Thanksgiving Day.

The day following Christmas has for many years, in England, been known as Boxing Day, although, according to the Church calendar it is the feast of St. Stephen. Old Thomas Tusser, who wrote "Good Husbandry," recommended that horses be bled on this day. He says:

Ere Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
For many a purpose it doth them much good;
The day of St. Stephen old fathers did use;
If that do mislike thee, some other day chuse.

From which we may note, this old-time agriculturist attached no particular importance to the actual date for the application of the treatment recommended.

Three days after Christmas comes Innocents' Day, sometimes formerly called "Childermas." An old custom was for parents to whip their children on this day "in order," as an old writer puts it, "that the memories of Herod's murder of the Innocents might stick the closer."

Christmas cards, nowadays the most popular feature of Christmastide, are an entirely modern institution born of cheap postage facilities about eighty years ago, and growing steadily in favor ever since. The first Christmas card sent by mail was drawn by W. E. Doxhead, R.A.; it was about twice the size of a modern postcard, and depicted a family group

toasting absent friends. The Christmas tree is of German origin, and was first introduced into England by Queen Charlotte, wife of George III.

"The Mummers"

One of my early Christmastide memories is of the "Mummers," who were a company of players that paid a visit to each house in the neighborhood.

Why Did Santa Settle in North?

Why Santa Claus went up to the land of ice and snow and made his home there is a mystery. Perhaps he chose it because he knew that he would be uninterrupted there all year long while he made his toys—unless, of course, Arctic explorers dropped in upon him for a visit. Perhaps he thought that his reindeers liked the cold, and that he could always get a new supply for his sleigh when his first team became too old for work. Perhaps he thought it better not to risk too sudden a change of climate, since his visits to the Northern nations always come in the Winter time. Perhaps he just naturally liked the North Pole better than any other place. At any rate, he has lived there for a great many years, and there seems to be no signs of his moving for a long time yet.

Santa Claus didn't always have the habit of bringing everyone Christmas presents. He learned that only late in his life, though that was long before any of the boys and girls of today were born.

He didn't always have the name Santa Claus, either. Hundreds and hundreds of people called him St. Nicholas. Little French children used to call him "Bonhomme Noel." English children sometimes still call him "Father Christmas." Little German children, who used to think that it was the Christ Child who brought the presents, called him "Kris Kringle," and the little Dutch children who came out to this continent ever so long ago called him "San Nicolaas." Now if you call him "San Nicolaas" and say it quickly and not pronounce it exactly as it is spelled you can guess from where the name "Santa Claus" came. Incidentally, it was the little Dutch children who first showed him how to get to North America. Before they came he didn't visit this continent at all at Christmas.

Remarkable Infant

Santa Claus, under the name of St. Nicholas, has had to do in his time a great deal of work that had nothing whatever to do with Christmas. When he was a tiny baby St. Nicholas showed that he was to be a great and holy man, for it is said that when he was only a few days old he stood up in his bathtub and prayed for two hours, and he always fasted on Fridays. His parents sent him to school when he was very young and not long after he was made a bishop. It was that fact that led to the custom in many countries of appointing boy bishops in the Christmas season. That

borhood, in much the same fashion as the "Waits" and "Carol singers." They played a drama remarkable for action, and the origin of which is perhaps lost in the mazes of antiquity. The company used to come into the hall of our house, and, from my recollections, stand in a line along the wall. Each character, as he stepped forward into the scene of action, used to commence as a sort of prologue with the words, "In comes I," followed by the name of the character represented. I think there were half a dozen or more characters, but only three actually remain in my memory. There was King William, the Turkish Knight and the Doctor. All were in warlike gear and the dramatic climax was reached when a stranger—familiar figure stepped forward, sword in hand, uttering the words, "In comes I the Turkish Knight, King William for to fight." Then ensued a desperate combat, and either the Knight or the King, or both of them, fell wounded on the ensanguined field. What signified it if the Knight would become on the morrow our gardener, and the King the Wood's coachman. The Doctor's part was to apply relief to both combatants; and this he administered so successfully they speedily rose and were able to consume refreshments before continuing their theatrical tour. I have heard the play come down from the times of the Crusades, of which it represented some incidents.

The Stocking

Another Christmas institution evoking the most pleasant recollections of any is the hanging up of a stocking. What may be the history of this practice concerns me not. What matters history when one sat up in bed as soon as daylight arrived and proceeded to pull from the stocking the treasures which had so mysteriously arrived while one slept. This memory I cannot separate from its association with the eating of an orange in bed—there seemed to be invariably an orange in the extreme toe of the stocking—and the pleasure of this procedure one can hardly imagine, save on account of the real Christmas spirit of sympathy, as being shared by the person to whose duty it fell to afterwards make the bed. Well, well, there yet remains memory and in this as the poet sang of the song the cuckoo sang:

"... I do beget that golden time again."

ceremony has died out now.

When St. Nicholas grew up he made such a name for himself as being a very holy and powerful man that he was chosen to be Bishop of Myra on the death of the former bishop, which occurred while he was visiting Palestine. There he lived for many years, doing good to everyone and helping to keep the powerful from oppressing the poor. He was noted for his generosity and there is a story told about his throwing three purses of gold in a window to help the three daughters of a man who was too poor to give them a marriage dowry and who, consequently, didn't know what he was to do about providing for their future. These gifts came unexpectedly, and it was only afterwards that the father found out who had sent them. Naturally people came to say, whenever they received presents they didn't expect, that St. Nicholas had brought them, and, as his feast day fell on the 25th of December, he soon became the person who brought, gifts on Christmas Eve, and everyone followed his example and gave presents to all their friends.

Christmas is a time of hospitality, of joy, and merriment to thousands whose wants are supplied; but often it is a time of anxiety and suffering to the poor.

Christmas is indeed a season of regenerated feeling—the season for kindling not merely the fire of hospitality in the hall, but the genial fire of charity in the heart.

Home at Christmas Means Much to Real Home Lover

Home at Christmas time is the reunion and gathering together of the far-spreading branches that together form the Christmas tree. It is the return of troubled hearts, the scene of forgiveness and forgotten wrongs, the quiet and sheltered bay into which the swift and spray of this world's controversies and perplexities are not reluctant to roll. It is the Englishman's refuge.

Touching this holiest spot of Mother Earth, he reviews his strength, and rekindles at its hearth cold hopes and joys that help him manfully to enter on the arena, and fight nobly, if not always with success, life's hard battles.

May the memory of Him of Nazareth light up and warm our hearts, and prompt the resolution to make tomorrow better and happier because we ourselves have felt the Summer which Christmas ever awakes up in this wintry world of ours.

Old Customs Have Charms for Those Who Love the Past

"The cry in our age" is to cut down all stately growths of centuries, and to level every hedge, because, forsooth, their shade shuts out, it is said, some of the glare of modern progress, and divides the cup of utility here and there.

For our part we join with the poet when he says:

Old customs! Oh, I love the sound,
However simple they may be.
What'er with time hath sanction found
To welcome, and is dear to me.
Pride grows above simplicity,
And spurns them from her haughty mind.
And soon the poet's song will be
The only refuge they can find.

White Lies and Christmas Bells



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WHITE lies and other bells, too! I wonder if a good many pleasant bells wouldn't ring "jangled, out of tune," if it weren't for white lies? I know what I think. I'd like to know what you think.

There's really a lot to think about in that subject of white lies. Did you ever realize that it's one of the most important subjects of everyday life? One question is, Are white lies excusable, even (sometimes) laudable? Another question: Are any lies white?

Different people have different theories about lies of all colors, even the whitest. But I ask you who believe that it's never right to deviate from the truth—are you sure you live up to your principles?

Result of Truth Only

I must confess, I feel that life's angles would be unbearably sharp if it weren't for a few white lies sprinkled about here and there. But with some of my sternest, most uncompromising friends I hardly dared flaunt this opinion until my half-guilty beliefs were confirmed by a professor of psychology, Dr. Herbert Goddard. He remarked that "some falsehoods are needful for the maintenance of civilization."

Said he, "We could not have a group of people, consequently we could have no cities, towns, or communities, if we told the truth all the time. We have to be honest, but at

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with immense, grave, blue eyes, so like wheels of truth. That sounds beautiful, doesn't it? But her small brother Charlie, having a few tragic doubts, anxiously asked, "There is a Santa Claus, isn't there, Sister? Oh, say there is!"

Sister said nothing of the kind. She broke it to the boy that Santa Claus didn't exist, and broke his heart at the same time. The bitter truth spoiled his Christmas, and darkened his outlook upon life. In fact, it perked the gift off the whole gingerbread. Would you have the heart to do this to a child?

Love Douns Zeal for Truth

There's always enough of the child left in us to want the gingerbread gilded. Personally, I would keep it gilded for those I love, big or little, provided—to make a dreadful pun!—that the gilt could be kept on without guilt!

Well, Sister clung to her uncompromising principles as she grew up. Once a man almost as rigid in theory as herself hovered on the verge of inviting her to be his wife. But he composed a poem, and asked his lady love to criticize it. She took him at his word, and he took his leave, never to come back. Now, couldn't she have found something to admire in that poem, by the judicious use of a tiny white lie or two?

But at last, after her youth had passed, losing friends and might-loves, by sticking at all costs to the painful truth about them, Sister fell deeply in love with a thorough man of the world. He loved her so much that he whitelied to her by saying, he, too, disapproved of white lies! She married him under that impression; and then loved him so much that the softening of her heart softened her conscience. If she didn't actually tell fibs, at least she refrained from telling the truth when it was disagreeable to others.

Fibs That Do Not Hurt

There's a difference in those three words, "disagreeable to others," in the whole difference between white lies and those that are gray, dark brown, purple or black.

If I'm tempted to tell a fib that's entirely for my own benefit, not for the advantage of anyone else, though it can't hurt anyone, why may I look shining white to me when I'm dying to tell it. Yet, alas, I fear it may be that case be slightly grayish!

As for lies that do good to ourselves but harm to others, there's no question about their being black as ink. It's a kind of murder to do harm to others by lying about them.

How often a friend asks us hope-

day! If you'd answered, "Why, no, I think you're looking pretty well," he would have cheered up and felt well.

I have a friend, a woman whose husband was horribly injured in the war. She adored him, and when doctors and surgeons said that he couldn't possibly live more than three months, she determined that he should. If in the end he must die, he should have years of life first, even joy in life, before he had to go.

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A Life Is Prolonged

Among them, they built up a tower of marble-white lies for the invalid to live in. "Of course you're going to get well!" he was constantly told. The trouble is serious, but not dangerous. All you need do is to have patience and courage.

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Some people no doubt wish to prepare for leaving one world for another, but he was not one of those. If he had been told that he must die, he would have given up and come at once. As for preparation, he was so good that no spiritual training for the long journey (or he it, perhaps, only a short journey!) was needed. At last one night he went peacefully to sleep and wakened up beyond the veil. Will the sternest love of truth tell me that those lies which kept a man in life and happiness for years were not white, and justified?

The Christmas Spirit

Lots of stories and several plays have been written round the weird, wild consequences of tell'ing, not only the truth, but the whole truth. And many bets have been made that they will keep the straight truth for twenty-four hours, viz. keep any friends or business connections.

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We make ourselves believe this, and so it becomes far more true than the cross old thoughts that were trying to be the truth!

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Take Christmas. What would there be to ring joy bells for if there were no lies, white and soft as the Christmas snow which falls and hides for a while all that is ugly and grey?

The Santa Claus Legend

Of course, the religious element, giving praise for Love, which is Heaven's truth for Earth, is enough for the grown-ups to be happy about on the day set apart to celebrate this human birth, but what about the children. Don't we who keep Christ-

actually lives within those of us who carry out his kind and jolly wishes. What if they are legendary? Don't we make them real?

Breaking a Boy's Heart

I had a wonderfully good and noble friend in England who never "white-lies" until—but that part of the story comes later!

It seems that even when she was a little girl she made up her mind that no lies were white, therefore she'd never tell any. I didn't know her until she was thoroughly grown-up, but her young brother told me how, from her early years, the whole family stood rather in awe of the girl.

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Withholding the Truth

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CHRISTMAS Eve was cold and frosty. The snow lay over the ground in a thick covering of several inches, which delighted little Dick very much.

Dick was scampering merrily along in the wake of his big brother Bob, who was collecting huge boughs of evergreens for decoration. When they arrived at a little place surrounded by the majestic Douglas firs, Bob ordered Dick to remain there while he went further into the woods. The little boy felt weary, for trudging in the snow in very tight, he clambered on top of a stump to rest and looked about him with interest.

Suddenly he heard a loud whirling noise and looking up, Dick saw a small aeroplane flying down. Nearer and nearer it came until it descended in the little glen. Out jumped a jolly looking little man with a long white beard, dressed in a bright red coat. Dick looked at him in amazement. Could it be Santa Claus? He rubbed his eyes and looked again. Yes, it was Santa Claus, for he was lifting a big bag out of the flying machine. Then Dick noticed something else. He wondered why he had not seen them before. On the fir trees were doors and windows. Some were tiny and fat, some were tall and thin. Seeing something bright dangling above him he looked up and saw a light hanging from a new in a tree. Dick was just beginning to read, so with some difficulty he read:

COCK ROBIN, ESQ.

He then saw the little man approach this tree and pull a little knob. Immediately a thin ladder of twisted tendrils came down and Santa Claus (for Dick was now sure he was Santa Claus) descended the ladder. When he reached the top he opened his bag and took out a small tin box labelled "Pickled Worms" and a small basket of red berries. Having deposited these in the nest he then descended and the ladder was pulled up.

Several times he ascended and descended trees with similar presents. Then he knocked at a funny little round door over which was the name plate:

MRS. SHARP SQUIRE.

The door flew open and with a low howl the old gentleman handed in a basket of lovely nuts of every description. He then paid a visit to Mr. Field-Mouse, to whom he presented a bag of golden corn.

His bag was nearly empty now, only two packages remained. "Dear me," he said to himself, "this is the last work. There are lots of ups and downs in Woodville," and he chuckled to himself.

At that moment Bob came tramping out of the woods laden with his boughs. "I saw Santa," said Dick, "and he gave me a present."

"What?" said Santa Claus, "and he gave me a present?" "Yes, he gave me a present," said Dick, "and he gave me a present."

After Christmas there is a whole week for sport. You can try all your new toys. There may be mules, and sure to be Christmas trees in the Sunday Schools and other places. Many of you will have time to read your newest book. But what is the use for a grown-up to talk about the delights of a Christmas holiday? Only boys and girls know how good things taste and how glad young hearts can feel. Be as merry as you can. Laugh and shout and sing and dance the happy hours away. There may be some of you who are ill or sorry even in the holidays. Yet if you are kind and brave you will know that there are Christmas joys wherever there are loving hearts. So a Happy Holiday to every one of you!

Christmas Chimes

(In Alphabetic Rhyme)
Angels winging,
Jells a-ringing—
Christ, the Heavenly Babe, is born!
Draw they nearer,
Ever nearer,
Forthwith speeds the Christmas morn.
(Hail the tidings,
Hopes abiding,
In the message that they bring—
"Jesus Christ, the
Kind and gently,
Lord of Lords today is King!"
Mary, Mother—
Not another
One like him in all the world,
Pure and holy,
Queenship lowly—
Royal attributes imparted:
See the Star light!
Ushered by that radiant Light,
Voices pealing,
Words of healing:
Xmas-tide! O, wondrous night!
Yield thy myrrh, and gold, and incense—
Zeal they pledged on Benad knee:
All for Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Zion's Prince of Peace to be!
JEANNE VALDEZ,
Victoria, B.C., Christmas, 1923.

Christmas Day

The day is near to which children have been looking forward for many weeks. It will bring to everyone of you, we hope, gladness and joy. We can hear the merry voices and see the dancing feet of the little ones as they find their presents in stockings or on the Christmas tree. Whether the gifts are many or few, rich or poor, they mean that their little world is full of love.

Little folk, too, have carefully kept secrets which they may tell now as father and mother, sister and brother get the presents that have been so carefully and secretly made or that mean saving and self-denial and forethought.

In thousands of homes throughout our land Christmas morning is a time of that love which makes a heaven upon earth. For the time all troubles and cares are forgotten and hearts are filled with love and trust. We keep the day in honor of the Babe who came to earth and lived a life of love and innocence. He who went about doing good has left to all children a pattern of love and service.

Nearly two thousand years ago He came to earth when the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." In the Babe born in the manger was the hope of the world of that far-away time, and in the innocence and love of the little one today is a sign that His work will be carried on till all evil is driven from the lovely world our Father has given us. Then, dear children, Merry Christmas to You All.

O, Little Town of Bethlehem

O, little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars are by;
The stars that watch thee from
The heaven's high arches,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him
And do His bidding—
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
The dear Christ enters in,
O little Child of Bethlehem!
Descend on us we pray,
Cast out our sin and let us in,
He born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, O come to us,
O Lord Immanuel!

—Phillips Brooks.

The Very Little Chimney

THE reindeer stamped their great hoofs impatiently on the snow and blew through their nostrils. "Are we ready? Can we start?" said the leader.

"Almost," said the one nearest to the sled. "The last toy is being tucked away. Now the master himself is climbing in."

"Chirrup," said Santa Claus. Shaking the reins and tossing his head, the leading reindeer sprang forward. Over the snow the sleds skimmed along the mountain tops. There was a village in the valley which should be visited first. Thick came to halt before the roof of the largest farmhouse and out sprang Santa Claus, picked up the right bag, and was down the chimney in a twinkling.

"What's that?" asked the leading reindeer, staring at a mound of snow close to a tall fir tree.

"It looks a little like a very small chimney," said the next reindeer. "Don't think it can be, for I can't see a chimney."

"Chirrup," said Santa Claus again, as he scrambled into the sled again, and away they sped. They had come to the last house of that village, a mile away from the rest.

"Did you tell him?" shouted the leader. "No, I don't believe it was a house at all," said Number Four. "Oh, well, you were nearer to it than I was," said the leader, and away they sped for miles and miles, stopping sometimes at lonely farms and arriving at last at a big city town. The load on the sleds grew smaller and smaller, the fat bags limper and limper.

It was getting near morning. There was almost nothing left on the sleds. Down the last chimney Santa Claus scrambled.

"Now for home," he said to the reindeer on his return. Getting into the sleds his foot touched something.

"Hullo! What's this?" he said. Stopping down and peering into the sleds, he picked up a small sack. "Don't tell me I've forgotten something," he cried out in dismay.

"Master," said the leader, "it's my fault. We thought we saw a tiny last sack close to the big farm where we stopped first, but—"

"Why ever didn't you tell me?" began Santa Claus. "We must go back at once. But it will be past chimney-time. You must just drive straight up to the front door."

In that little house with the chimney that Santa Claus forgot, two children had gone happily to bed. Karl and Kristine had hung their stockings on either side of the big fireplace, and grandmother had tucked them in, with nods and smiles, and promises that Santa Claus would certainly come while they were asleep. Once in the night Karl opened sleepy eyes. The fire was dying down and grandmother had gone to bed. The stockings still hung limp and empty. He turned over and slept again.

But they were used to getting up

very early, for there was always much to do—wood to be cut and water to be fetched. So it was still quite dark when they both jumped up and ran across to their stockings. They felt them, expecting the delicious thrill the lumpy and crackling stockings always gave. They were empty!

Kristine gave a little gasp. "Oh, Karl! Has he forgotten us?" Karl picked up a stick and began stirring the fire, which never quite went out.

"Perhaps," he said gravely, "perhaps the chimney was too small and he could not see it!" Tears slowly filled Kristine's eyes. "Lately," said Karl.

They listened. There was a voice outside calling: "Karl! Kristine!" They hurried to the door and flung it open.

The snow was dazzling white and the black sky was lit by stars. Over the snow, straight to the tiny cottage, sped the reindeer.

The sleds pulled up, the reindeer spread their feet and hung their heads, snorting. Santa Claus climbed out with the last sack over his shoulder.

"My dear children," he said, "how can I look you in the face? I almost forgot you!"

"Oh, never mind, dear Santa Claus," cried Kristine, "how beautiful of you to come to the door!" "And to let us see you and your reindeer," said Karl.

"Karl, fetch some hay," said Kristine, who was already stroking the velvet muffle of the leader. Santa Claus stood in the doorway and beamed. "Now," he said cheerily, "what about those stockings?"

"They are hanging up," said the children, and Santa Claus marched in. Out of his sack came a muffer for each child, a pair of wooden shoes for Karl, a sack for Kristine, a knife, a carved box, a colored picture for each stocking, an orange and an apple, a gingerbread bird with currant eyes, a gilded fir cone, and a striped sugar stick.

"Now, children, said Santa Claus, "into your beds with you and go fast asleep in a twinkling." And, though they were half-dressed, they whipped off their things, and scuttled into bed.

Their grandmother woke them. "See what Santa Claus has brought you," she said.

"We know," they said. "He came to the door with his reindeer." Grandmother smiled. "What a delightful dream you have been having," she said, patting their heads. The children took down their stockings. Had they dreamed it all? But there were the muffers and the wooden shoes, the sack, the knife, and the carved box. In each stocking an orange and an apple, a colored picture, a gingerbread bird with currant eyes, and down in the toe was a gilded fir cone and a striped sugar stick.

Karl and Kristine looked at each other and smiled—My Magazine for December.

Most Stupid of Animals



"Jim"—the Stupid Savage Rhinoceros Who Wore His Horn to Nothing by Trying to Sharpen It

Letters to Santa Claus

SOME of the thousands of letters children are sending to Santa Claus from Victoria have found their way to the editor. We hope the children's saint will see them in this column and that the little folks will get all their wishes or others just as good. We publish them just as they were written, except for the father names, which the kind old saint will know without reading.

To dear Santa Claus—I want a school bag and a baby Ella doll. I want a small doll for Christmas and that is all I want for Christmas. From your dear girl—BILLYEN.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please bring me a pair of roller skates and a Billy Whiskers book, and a baby plate for my little sister, and a plate for my little sister, and a rattle for my aunt's baby. From BOBBY.

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"Jim"—The Rhinoceros Who Hated All Men

By LESLIE G. MAINLAND, F.Z.S.

IT is always the most stupid and animals that are the most difficult to tame and handle, though, when the clever creature does "go wrong" his greater cunning gives his keepers the worst time of all.

If you were asked to pick out the stupidest animal in the world, you would pick out the rhinoceros. Look at his head. Where has he any room for brains? He has only a great horn on the tip of his nose. That is what makes him so blindly fierce and so utterly ferocious.

Perhaps the worst rhinoceros that ever reached a zoo was old "Jim." Jim was three tons of leather overcoat wrapped round a bad temper. When first he arrived, he wore a great horn on the tip of his nose. That did not last long. He found a heavy oak beam which seemed a fine place as a grindstone. He ground savagely away until his horn became, at first a lump and then a bump.

Because of his immense strength, the noise he made when he "sharpened" his horn sounded like a trumpet of an elephant. (Imagine a million boys making a million state-ments at once!) Another day, when a blacksmith was shoeing horses, I found it quite a terrifying sight to watch, but worse was to come.

The foolish giant next took it into his head that he was strong enough to charge down the cage in which he lived. Lowering his huge head, he would run wildly at the walls and the bars until he crashed into the bricks and steel, fairly knocking himself off his feet. With such rage, he picked himself up once more and charged yet again until everyone thought that something had to give way. He must have hurt himself, but that made no difference to his grim determination.

After an unusually terrible smash, Jim changed his game. There was a great stone-ware drinking-trough in his den, weighing perhaps half a ton. This seemed to promise another chance of mischief to his darkened mind. Standing in front of it he would butt it with his wicked old head until it seemed as if the bones of his skull must crack. As a slight change he would bash it with his jaw until one ached with sympathy. What he really wanted was a chance to kill his keeper. Cleaning his case was a most risky business, and an iron ladder was clamped in one corner to give the man a chance of escape, if he could reach it in time. It led away up the roof while the foot was guarded with a steel screen with a narrow gap. A man could slip through the opening but the head of a rhinoceros was too big for it.

Once, when Jim was in the outer paddock the keeper slipped in to tidy up. The picked giant, in reality was lurking unseen just behind the great door awaiting a chance to corner the man. When the keeper was intent on his work Jim jumped round the corner with the activity of a cat and with murder in his eyes. Some creaking of the monster's leather armor gave the keeper a second's warning, and he squeezed himself through the opening of the screen just as Jim thrust his vast bulk against it.

The keeper at once started to climb away up to the roof where he could reach a gallery and so get away from the cage. As soon as his head and shoulders appeared above the protection screen, Jim rushed at him and with murder in his eyes, some creaking of the monster's leather armor gave the keeper a second's warning, and he squeezed himself through the opening of the screen just as Jim thrust his vast bulk against it.

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Classical Music Favored By Fans, KOA Poll Shows

Three Out of Every Five Persons Vote for Old School After Spectacular Competition Between Exponents of Each Side—Women Cast Fifty Per Cent of Ballot

DENVER, Dec. 19.—King Jazz is slipping.

Classical music, via loud speakers and earphones, is favored by the masses.

This trend, said to be completely contrary to all expectations, was revealed by a widely-heralded poll which was conducted by KOA, Denver station of the General Electric chain. Voting was heavily stimulated by a spectacular musical competition between jazz and the classical school, staged as a programme novelty over KOA. Leading artists and representative compositions of both factions were featured.

Broadcast listeners, representing all walks of life and sitting virtually as an international musical jury, voted three to two that jazz is falling behind in popular favor and therefore will never replace the works of conventional composers.

Classics Win Three Out of Five

As judges of this studio clash, listeners were invited to vote jazz, classical or for a combination of both types of music. On the face of virtually complete returns from listeners, the classical camp won three of every five votes cast in the race with jazz. Of the total vote cast, more than fifty per cent favored the classical school, the remainder being split between proponents of jazz and those who lean to a combination of both ray tempos and conventional numbers.

Upsetting the predictions of seasoned dopsters, all but five Western States swung to the classical column. Arizona, Wyoming and North Dakota gave an overwhelming choice to rapid-fire syncopation. South Dakota, it was noted, gave its majority to classical. A further check of ballots

received, indicates that Arizona and Idaho are on the fence with a tied vote between the opposing musical camps. Voting in Colorado was close. Canadian voting, generally, was light. Listeners, however, gave their majority to conventional music.

Women Cast Half of Votes

The unique contest was arranged to test the relative popularity of the opposing musical schools. No estimate of the total vote will be available until all returns are in, although several thousand ballots already have been received. Likewise, it would be futile to attempt fixing the size of the audience for this special programme.

Women cast approximately half the total ballot, whereas, less than ten months ago, barely fifty of all mail addressed to KOA was written by women, it was said.

An unprecedented flow of communications disclosed that the classic struggle was heard in restaurants, schoolhouses, hospitals, barber shops, hotel lobbies, widely scattered mining camps and even in jails.

He Hates Beards

Mussolini, the Premier of Italy, detests beards. In a new book about him, Margherita Sarfatti, herself a power in Italian political circles, says that he regards men with beards as imbeciles. "Beards are masks for humbugs," he exclaimed recently, on seeing a man with a long beard. "They are a symbol of all that is unprogressive and unimportant."

You cannot wrong anybody who is right, you just think you can.

Perfect "Thirty-Six" Is Result of Radio Exercise

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Exercise has a peculiar effect on making underweight people fatter and overweight victims thinner. A Brooklyn woman reports the loss of fifty pounds in six months during which she has not missed a day taking the "Tower Health Exercises," which Arthur Bagley broadcasts at 6:45 a.m. from the tower of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company through Stations WJAF, WJEF and WJAF. The joke seems to be on the woman's daughter. Formerly the mother weighed 197, had a thirty-six-inch waist and wore a size forty-six dress. Now she weighs 147, has a twenty-seven-inch waist and wears a size thirty-six. "I can now wear all my daughter's clothes," she confides regularly. "and you know I'm a lot better dressed than I formerly was."

Electron Sings For Radio Fans

New Musical Instrument May Evolve From Experiments Now Being Made

SCHENECTADY, N.Y., Dec. 19.—The possibility of creating a new musical instrument by utilizing the photoelectric effect was brought out by Dr. Peter T. Wood, Professor of Physics at Union College, when he introduced the radio audience of WGY to the song of the electron recently. The demonstration occurred during the fourth of a series of talks on the electron.

A photoelectric cell was connected to the radiocast circuit and a disc with many rows of perforations was placed between the cell and a light source. The photoelectric cell is coated on its inside surface with metal potassium, which is very sensitive to light. At the centre of the cell is a plate of tungsten. A battery of 135 volts has its negative terminal connected to the potassium coating and its positive terminal to the tungsten plate. When light falls on the potassium coating electrons are given off and travel to the tungsten plate, thus constituting a current. By means of a motor the disc with circular rows of holes was rotated between the light and the cell. When the disc was revolved slowly a low-pitched note was given off, rising gradually as the speed of the disc increased.

In Professor Wood's demonstration the disc contained four rows of holes, the outer row with forty-eight holes, the next row with thirty-six holes, the third with thirty and the inside row with twenty-four holes. By covering one row or another he secured different notes. By moving backward, that is, by covering first the inside row and then the last, he produced the major chord. By uncovering two rows he obtained two notes and then by uncovering all four rows he secured notes of good organ quality.

For the construction of an organ, the ingenious experimenter would need only to have rotating discs with rows of holes of the right numbers and arranged so that the light could pass through the holes to the photoelectric cell. Any row or combination of rows could be uncovered by small slides operated from a keyboard and the loudness of the notes might be controlled conveniently by regulating the brightness of a lamp. A loudspeaker could be used to convert the electrical vibrations into sound vibrations. One of the important features of the photoelectric cell is that it is practically instantaneous in its action. It does not require time to build up as in the case of some other electric musical instruments.



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Briton Sees What's Wrong With Canada

Palatial Government Buildings and General Extravagance Causes Halt

"Something is wrong in Canada," says Hugh Martin, parliamentary correspondent of The London Daily News after a first hand study of Canadian conditions during a tour of the Dominion. "Is it Canada's fault or ours?" he asks, and makes the point that "The incontestable fact that there is something wrong with Canada is of tremendous importance to Great Britain for three reasons."

(1) Canada today has a greater capacity for wealth production and a relatively smaller population than any other equally accessible country in the world.

(2) Great Britain has today a larger surplus of potential wealth-producers than any other country in the world.

(3) Canada is determined to populate her vacant spaces soon, foreigners are prepared to populate them, and the United States—the wealthiest and most powerful nation in the world—dominates the life of the North American continent.

Dealing with Canada as he found it, Mr. Martin writes:

The first thing and the last thing impressed upon the mind of any thoughtful visitor to the Dominion must be that it is suffering from the malady known as arrested development. Here is a nation that has been provided by nature, and has provided itself, with a framework out of all proportion to its existing strength, or the rate at which that strength is being developed.

Abnormal Development
During the first twenty years of the present century, in spite of the war, Canada increased her population by sixty-four per cent, a growth probably without parallel in history. The years immediately before the war were years of boom, abnormal development, daring preparation for still greater expansion. Palatial Government buildings, splendid universities, an extravagant duplication of railway facilities, and towns, now stagnant, that were plotted out for twice their present number of citizens are visible evidence of the boom.

The population of Canada is in the neighborhood of 9,000,000—equal to Greater London and its satellite towns—stretched across a continent 3,000 miles wide. During the ten years 1901-11 it was growing at the rate of 143,000 a year; it is doubtful if the annual growth at the present time is as great as 100,000.

A disturbing fact to be noted is that the proportion of foreign to British immigrants is increasing. From the beginning of 1921 to the end of the first quarter of the present year the number of British subjects to settle in Canada was 204,808, and the number of foreigners 124,509.

Unity Needed
The more immediate political danger seems to be a revival of provincialism. The area of the Atlantic seaboard, the area of the Great Lakes, the area of the prairie, the area of the Pacific seaboard, each has a different outlook and special economic interest, and it is easy to regard those

outlooks and special interests as conflicting.

Thus the task of statesmanship is not only to populate Canada but also to unify her. A disrupted Canada, the majority of whose people had no tie of sentiment with the Old Country, must ultimately pass out of the British orbit.

To bring all these lines of thought to a focus, simply remember that England is now fighting, in the sphere

of national economies, with her back against the wall, and that the centre of world-power has definitely shifted across the Atlantic. It will then be realized that when we talk about the future of Canada we are talking about the future of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"Men shop to buy, women shop to handle. A man, as a rule, knows what he wants, goes in and gets it. A

woman generally knows what she wants, but she also knows that she must see and touch everything on the way to it. She shops for pleasure, and I am convinced that Eve lingered long in her choice of fig-leaves."

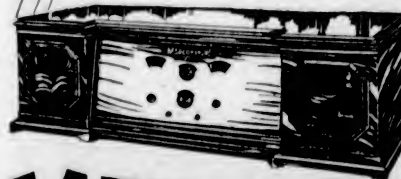
I said to Mrs. Bottles the other day as 'ow it must be pleasant to be married to a clever man. "Tea," she says, "but I've only been married once."

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Radio Seen As Remedy to Keep Peace in World

Mr. C. W. Horn, Speaking at Ottawa, Claims It Would Do More to Prevent War Than Dozen Leagues

Fans Could Hear Parley

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—The prediction that radio will be a great factor in preventing future wars, was made by Mr. C. W. Horn, superintendent in charge of the Westinghouse broadcasting station, in a recent address delivered here.

"I feel that radio will accomplish more in the prevention of wars than a dozen Leagues of Nations could do," said Mr. Horn. "Radio seems to be the means that is destined to bring

into the very homes of the people of this world the thought and character of the people of the different nations.

"I can conceive of no greater event than the settlement of a dispute between two nations by a discussion of the problem and the presentation of facts by the leaders of these two nations, with the general public listening to it. It will be the fulfillment of the hope of our former President Wilson, expressed when he referred to 'open diplomacy.'"

"Ham" Works Antarctic

GREAT BEND, Kan., Dec. 19.—(Special).—Amateur radio, through the station of Mr. R. R. Evans, of this town, WCL, has finally linked up the centre of the North American continent with the Antarctic. Working at 5:10 a.m., central standard time, the Kansas station of the American Radio Relay League, established communication with ship station AQB, aboard the Norwegian whaler, Sir James Clark Ross, at a time when the ship was held fast in an Antarctic ice pack at latitude 69 degrees south and longitude 178 degrees east.

Singing Bird Makes Cats and Dogs Mad

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Broadcasting a singing bird before noon, when cats and dogs are asleep, may not prove to be a good policy. Recently when a "singing bird" sang to Betty and "The Old Man of the River," Station KGO received letters from fans asking that the birds be not put on the air until after lunch. In one case a cat woke from mousy dreams and dived into a loud speaker and in another a pet terrier's slumbers were interrupted, and he almost demolished a set looking for the bird.

Radio Aid to Prison Morale

Music and Baseball Favorite Programmes to Prisoners at Wethersfield Penitentiary

Radio, according to Mr. Henry K. Scott, warden of the State penitentiary at Wethersfield, Conn., can be used to build up the morale of the inmates of a prison. He knows, for he has tried at Wethersfield, with considerable success. Several nights a week programmes broadcast from the local station, WTIC, are listened to by the Wethersfield prisoners, and this has done much to benefit the morale of the prison's inmates.

Because of the large number of foreigners in the institution, music seems to have a greater appeal than anything else except the reports of baseball games. The world series proved exceptionally interesting to the prisoners, and during the week bulletins were issued. Then on Saturday and Sunday all of the inmates were allowed to listen to the play-by-play reports of the game.

The radio set at Wethersfield prison was made possible by a young inmate who was a radio fan and had some knowledge of electricity. Warden Scott is likewise a radio enthusiast, and wanted to see what radio would do to his prisoners.

Mothers Find Radio Is Aid

Receivers Soothe Sick Kiddies and Supplies Needed Music for Youngsters

What has the radio done for mother?

All the world knows what the radio set in the home has done for father and the boys by arousing and holding their interest, at first in the mechanical and electrical wonders of the receiver and later in the up-to-the-minute news and educational service which it gives, but little is said about what the radio has done for mother, with her flock of youngsters and women friends. Yet the radio has proved and is proving more convincingly every day that it is mother's best friend.

With the widely diversified programmes sent out over the air by the broadcasting stations throughout the country and brought into the home by the present-day receiving sets, mother can, as does her husband, find in radio the greatest source of amusement, entertainment, instruction and pleasure for herself and all her dependents and guests.

Altogether there isn't an invention since inventions began which is of quite so much value to the lady of the house as a radio receiver properly equipped. Whether her children and guests are old, young, active, sick or well, she herself can be sure of getting and be certain that they are receiving inspiration of all sorts and countless hours of fun while listening in.

Lights Thanks
Mother has long ago discovered that radio is the greatest tonic for the children when they are ill. It has shown itself to be a veritable God-send in the family, going through the throes of any of a dozen children's diseases. It has incited a love of good music and a desire to learn many subjects.

Radio has furnished mother and her children and guests with the best of music by furnishing the playing and singing of the best and greatest artists in the world. It has solved the problem of entertaining, others on any and all occasions.

It has supplied the needed dance music for the youngsters, filled in the awkward gaps in conversation at luncheons, teas and dinners and kept the flaming youth of her household sufficiently regaled with the minute-to-minute news on the big sporting events, while enlightening father and the other men with the news of the commodity and financial markets and of the business world, and the kiddies with bedtime stories.

Helps Her Entertain

Especially to the woman of the home in the suburbs or on the farm is radio of incalculable value, as it enables her to entertain all whom she has invited to share the delights of country life with her. With a radio receiver in the house, it is no longer necessary to go long distances to dances and entertainments, as the music of a perfect orchestra can be brought in from hundreds of miles away by a simple turning of the dial.

For herself, mother derives great comfort and benefit on weekdays from the broadcast household helps, fashion talks and general educational courses, as well as from the music at theatrical entertainments. With many of the broadcasting stations now afford, while on Sunday she enjoys with her family the religious services broadcast from the various churches, where the voices of scholarly clergymen, splendid trained choirs and well-known soloists are put on the air morning, afternoon and evening.

Good Daylight Reception

A dispatch in the Radio Trade Bulletin mentions the remarkable reception of Mr. Donald Davidson, of Toronto, Ontario, of a three-tube set picked up on the afternoon of November 1 the church service broadcast through the local station CFTC on a loud speaker.

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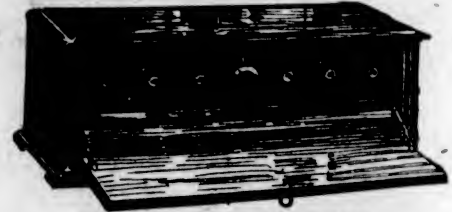
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Voice of the Fan Is Need to Help Radio

Manufacturer Says Listeners Should Rule Stations—Need Views of Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A national clearing house through which radio fans of the country may express themselves on radio problems has been proposed by A. Atwater Kent, prominent radio manufacturer of Philadelphia.

"I think the man on the other end of the air ought to have a stronger voice in radio affairs," said Mr. Kent. "He is silent because he has no effective way to make known his grievances, troubles or desires. He is at the mercy of radio because he cannot talk back to it."

Listeners Could Tell Much

"There are all kinds of questions to be answered. Are there too many stations broadcasting? Is there too much jazz, or too much classical music? Can announcing be improved? To co-operate with the Department of Commerce in advancing radio, there should be a committee, board or group of men and women, either official or unofficial, to whom lis-

teners might make complaints and suggestions."

"This group should act as a clearing house and see that suggestions received are properly assigned for consideration, followed up and acted on. The listener should feel that he or she has a voice in governing radio affairs and a feeling that he or she is contributing to the improvement of the industry. After all, radio is of, by and for the people."

Radio Notes

Timely Tips and Suggestions on the Latest Diagrams and Hookups—Supplied

By F. M. RUSSELL

Eliminating Unusual Controls

One of the things always commented upon when a set is operated for the first time, is its tuning qualities. When a set is easy to tune, it is a pleasure to use it, but if there are so many controls that it is like finding the combination of a safe by guesswork to operate it, one immediately decides that this is not the type set he would desire to have.

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**Christmas Dinners to Be Given to Hundreds This Year
—Workers Are Now in Streets Appealing for Funds
—Need Is as Pressing as It Was Last Year**

At the beginning of the New Year, the local corps will have a visit of the Korean officers, who will hold meetings and demonstrations here. They will also visit Korea. Col. J. B. McLean will also visit Vietnam, for a special tour. The local corps will also have a visit from the Canadian Army Air Corps in Canada, and has just concluded a series of meet-

has purchased the property situated at 725-729 Courtney Street, opposite Alexandra House. The buildings on this property are being remodelled one as a church, with a seating capacity of 185, the other to be used as a reading-room and Sunday School. The property is in the centre of the downtown district, and within a few minutes' walking distance of the leading hotels, and will be ready for occupancy January 1.

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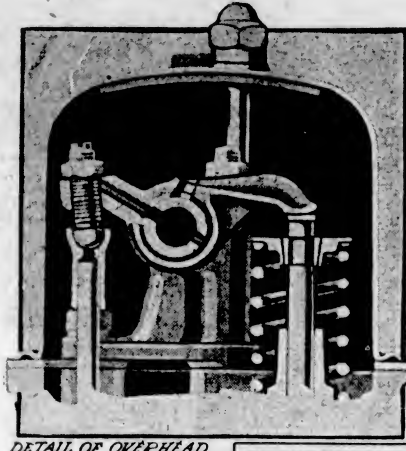
By HAROLD M. BLANCHARD
As pointed out last week, valves should be adjusted when the engine is thoroughly warm, unless the manufacturer recommends otherwise. The proper clearance between valve stem and pushrod varies with different engines, but a safe average is a six-thousandth of an inch as measured by a feeler gauge which may be purchased in any hardware store. However, lacking a feeler gauge, good results will usually be obtained by adjusting to about twice the thickness of this paper. Some people would say that a single thickness is sufficient, and it is under perfect conditions, but two thicknesses are safer. If clearance is too small the valves may not close completely under all circumstances and leakage

will ensue; whereas, if clearance is too great, the valves will be too noisy and the time the valve is open will be reduced as well.
Under ordinary circumstances there is only one time to adjust valves and that is immediately after grinding. Then, if the pushrod lock nuts are properly tightened, there is no reason why valve adjustment should be altered until valves are ground again. The need for adjustment after grinding is due mainly to the fact that grinding tunnels the valve a little further into its seat. This reduces the stem clearance, in some cases sufficiently to cause all valves to leak, in which case hard starting and loss of power will be noted prior to valve adjustment. Minor reasons for valve adjustment include wear on valve stem ends and pushrod faces, and wear of rocker arm bushings and shafts of overhead valve mechanisms.

Requires Adjustment

With the foregoing facts thoroughly in mind, it is clear that if any valve requires adjustment in between two valve grinding periods, either the valve was improperly adjusted in the first place, or the adjustment was not locked securely—or something is wrong, in which case it should be assumed that the valve adjustment is correct and the trouble is elsewhere. Assuming proper valve adjustment in the first place, these things may produce excessive clearance:

1. Badly encrusted exhaust valve in need of grinding the most likely cause.
2. Warped valve head.
3. Ricking valve stem due to gummy oil or heavy carbon deposit on the upper part of stem.
4. Badly worn rocker arm bushing or shaft (overhead valve engines only).
5. Bent rocker arm, long push rod (overhead valve engines only).
6. Loose rocker arm shaft retaining nuts or bolts.
7. Numbers 5, 6 and 7 may be readily determined by inspection, number 5 being cured by valve adjustment to compensate for wear or by replacement of worn parts. Number 4 may sometimes be cured by squirting kerosene or Carbona on the valve stem when the engine is hot. Otherwise number 4 as well as numbers 1, 2 and 3 are taken care of under valve grinding described last week.



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Skillful control of the clutch is one of the important features of good driving. By cultivating a sensitive mechanical ear and a fine sense of touch, definite economy is effected in operating a car when using this unit. A car that is started with a jerk will cause unnecessary wear and tear on the transmission and tires, due to the suddenness of the application of the load to the engine. Learn to accelerate the engine just when the clutch is beginning to take hold.

Blinded

Judge: "Why did you run this man down in broad daylight on a perfectly straight stretch of road?"
Prisoner: "You honor, my windshield was almost totally obscured with safety first stickers."

More Haste

Passenger: "Not so fast, driver, not so fast."
Driver: "I always hurry over this section of the road, it's so dangerous."

Wear on Tire Is Distress Signal

When the front tires wear out prematurely or show a sharp edge on the surface, it will be found that the wheels are out of line. Have them lined up to toe in from one-fourth to three-sixteenths of an inch, making sure that the wheels are adjusted and that the tire rod bolts are not worn.

panied by backfiring and that excessive clearance on an exhaust valve may sometimes cause slight backfiring, but don't confuse backfiring (in carburetor) with muffler explosions.
The actual adjustment of the valves is not difficult, but it does require care. As previously pointed out, the engine should be warm. To save time, two end wrenches, which exactly fit the pushrod adjusting nut and locknut, are desirable.
When adjusting a valve it is important to know that the valve is completely closed. This is most readily determined by removing the distributor cap and cranking the engine by hand until the motor brush points to one of the segments. Trace the high tension wire connected to this segment to its spark plug and adjust the valves in this cylinder. Turn the engine slightly until the motor points to the next segment and so on. It is convenient to remember that the engine must be cranked half a revolution if it has four cylinders to move the brush from one segment to the next; one-third revolution if a six; one-quarter revolution if an eight; and one-sixth revolution if a twelve.
In most cases the valve is adjusted by loosening the lower pushrod nut by turning it slightly to the left (anti-clockwise), then turning the upper nut one way or the other until proper clearance is obtained, after which the locknut is tightened again. Check the clearance again after tightening the locknut.

Canada and U.S. Show Large Growth In Exports of Autos

Automobiles exported from Canada and the United States during October reached valuations of \$31,156,269, almost one million dollars in excess of the figure for the previous month, and varying only slightly from the figure attained in August, according to the Automotive Division of the Department of Commerce. The United States' share of this amount was \$26,577,740. The total number of cars and trucks shipped overseas during October exceeded the total of September by over 2,000 units, notwithstanding the fact that there was a decrease in the number of passenger cars exported from the United States and only a slight increase in truck shipments. The increase in exports during the month, although not proportionately as large, is consistent with the gain in production, which was almost 120,000 over the preceding month. It is interesting to note that both United States and Canadian truck production declined, while truck exports of both countries showed slight increases.

Because dust and dirt have partially filled up the spaces of the radiator during the summer, each cell should be thoroughly cleaned to insure proper air circulation to cool water. The only satisfactory way to clean the cores is to go over them with an air hose under pressure.

To Reduce Price of Dodge Brothers' Cars Next Month

A. E. Humphries, of A. E. Humphries Motors, Ltd., received word Wednesday that on January 7 Dodge Brothers (Canada), Limited, would announce a reduction in the prices of their complete line of automobiles. These reductions will apply on all cars bought after December 15. This news came as a big surprise to the local distributors, as it was only recently that Dodge prices were reduced considerably.

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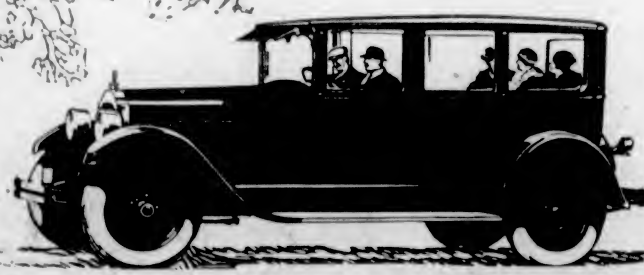
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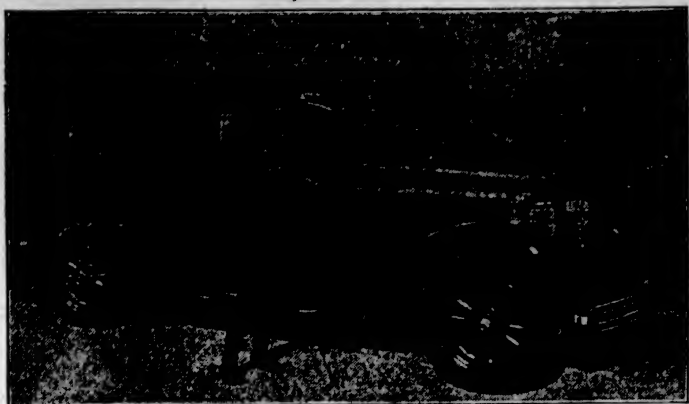
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"Too Expert" Driver May Manipulate Car Carelessly

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Canadians are fast becoming a race of automobile drivers. The man who does not know how to operate a motor car, and to operate it properly, is today the exception rather than the rule. If any fault might be found with the present day driver it is with his

having become "too expert" in the operation of his car. By this we mean that the average driver feels so at home behind the steering wheel that he is likely to become careless and manipulative. The controls too adeptly to give them an opportunity to properly perform their functions. You come in contact with these "too expert" drivers every day. Just as the bronco buster rides at break-neck speed to within a few feet of some obstruction and rears his horse upon his hind legs to an abrupt stop to demonstrate his horsemanship, this type of driver's idea of a demonstration of experience and driving ability consists of rushing at full speed to within a few feet of his stopping point and with a grind and squeal of brakes and sliding of tires, coming to a sudden stop.

Abusing a Willing Worker

This man considers it is only the novice who shifts gears on a steep hill. He races the engine of his parked car to see "how she is hitting" to "prime" it for the next start and to warm it up. By continually demonstrating his familiarity with the controls, he plainly shows that he does not fully understand the mechanical make-up of his car nor the effect his acts have upon its potential long and service-free life.

The brakes of your car, properly adjusted, are adequate to cause the wheels to slide on dry pavements. But only a serious emergency should call for a stop of this kind. Apply the brakes gradually and with the gasoline throttle fully retarded, leave the clutch engaged until the speed of the car drops below five or six miles per hour. An idling motor has a braking effect down to that speed and will contribute much to a smooth stop.

The driver who anticipates most of his stops so that he can let his motor do its share in retarding the car's speed will boost the mileage of his tires and his brake linings. He will also form a habit that will serve him in good stead in driving on slippery pavements, for the car that skids is generally the one on which the brakes are too suddenly applied.

Attend Clutch Pedal

Keep your foot off the clutch pedal except, of course, when the clutch is being operated. Otherwise you will constantly be finding yourself pressing it hard enough to let it slip. The clutch is so exactly designed that the slightest amount of pressure is often enough to release it. A slipping clutch will wear and waste power. The clutch should only be slipped in getting the car under way.

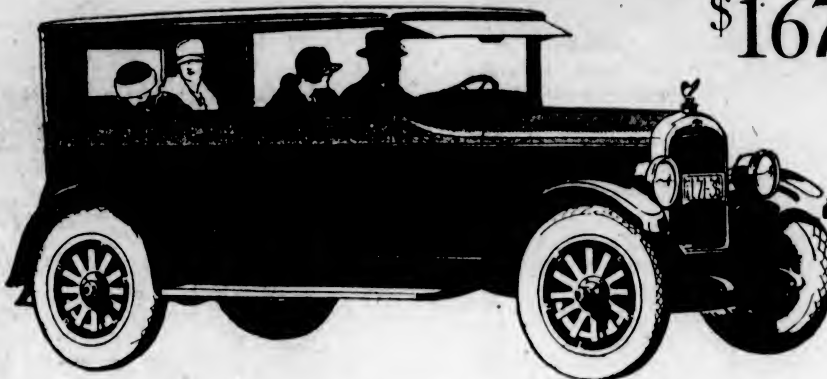
Do not race the engine without a load to test it. A free engine and one that is propelling the car, operate under entirely different conditions. This practice may have a destructive effect upon the motor. Do not let the engine labor. Shift gears when necessary.

Do not drive fast in rounding corners or turning around, particularly

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when driving on well-worn tires. When turning a corner fast the weight of the car shifts from a straightforward pull on the tires to an angular or crosswise strain which the tires cannot withstand as readily. Often a tire which will run a thousand miles or more if driven so that no undue loads are placed upon it, will blow out under the strain of the first ill-considered quick turn.

Accumulator Battery

In Europe, the battery is known as an "accumulator." That seems a more descriptive name for it as this unit serves merely as a reservoir of current. Electrical energy taken out must be replaced if the battery is to serve you continuously. With this regard it is well to know that much more current is required to start the motor than is generated in the same time period. The car must be operated at a speed of about twenty miles per hour for more than twenty times the time required to start the motor to replace the energy dissipated. Use your starter and lights as sparingly as possible when you are doing little daylight driving. Watch your battery water level.

Summing it all up, you will find the motorist who gets the most in care-free service out of his car is the man who constantly regards it as the valuable and intricate piece of mechanism it is—and treats it as such. He does not let his familiarity with it breed carelessness in its operation or its upkeep. He finds himself well-repaid for his thoughtful-ness and effort.

Do not apply the brakes too suddenly. Coast to a stop, using the engine as a brake.

Do not let your engine labor—shift gears.

Do not race your motor without a load.

Do not drive fast around corners.

Do not waste your battery's energy.

Rods and Springs Below Car Exposed To Extra Dangers

Rods, springs, clevis bearings, etc., below the car are subjected to exposure of all the grit and dirt of the road and should be protected by a good film of grease or oil. These parts are particularly exposed to the muddy water splashed up by the wheels. This muddy water is almost as effective as valve grinding compound as far as its abrasive qualities are concerned. The water carries the gritty dirt into the bearings and if they are not covered by a lubricant, the bearings are rusting while stationary and wearing when in use. This combination is fatal as far as silence is concerned. Before long enough wear has taken place to make the pins loose in the clevis and what started as a little squeak, due to dryness, becomes a rattle due to play in the bearing. The assembled chorus of rattles from all these little bearings beneath the car produces a noise that stamps the car as having seen its best days as far as a silent performing vehicle is concerned.

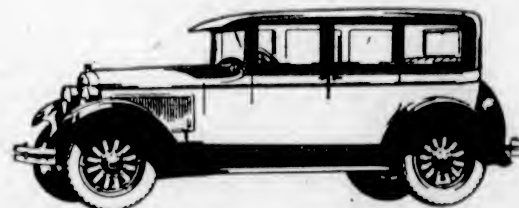
Overcoming Stripping Of Gear Is Explained

When the gears acquire the habit of slipping back into neutral from high or second, the trouble is due to the shifter forks. If they are worn

the gears will not always be fully engaged, and where there is considerable strain or vibration (as in climbing a steep hill in second, it will be necessary to hold the shift lever in the desired position. Misalignment of the forks will often cause the gears to slip back to neutral, from any position, particularly annoying in the case of slipping from high to neutral when descending grades. If the trouble is confined to the latter, and is slight, it can often be overcome by avoiding sudden application of power or brakes, and by gentle handling of the clutch.

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Designing of Autos Changes With Time

Buggy-Like Motors of 20 Years Ago Give Place to Beautiful Lined Modern Cars

The original idea of automobile inventors was to make a carriage that would run by its own power. In their time a buggy with rubber tires and anti-rattlers represented the same of luxury in highway travel. For real comfort it was hard for people to imagine anything more satisfactory than "the family auto" with its fringed canopy top, and the spider-wheeled buggy was the snappiest run about of its day. So the entire problem, as it was recognized, was to make the thing run, and—naturally—the first automobiles bore bodies as nearly like their horse-drawn predecessors as it was possible to make them.

One does not have to be very old to remember the first motor cars, and such vehicles today, even if they ran with six cylinder efficiency and smoothness, would be objects of derision.

Power Redefined

But all the ridicule which assailed the first motor driven chariots was directed at their running abilities, or lack of them. They were not the two story townships and Portland cutters of today, but they were in line with popular conceptions of vehicular elegance.

Moving the engine from under the seat to its present position in the chassis necessitated certain body changes, and the motor car began to assume lines that were distinctly its own. But it was not until motors, transmissions and other factors of locomotion had been so far developed that "pulling in" automobiles ceased to be a regular source of income for farmers, that manufacturers began to give the bodies of their cars the consideration they deserved.

A fence or wall around a dwelling—in fact any sort of personal enclosure—has always conferred a certain air of exclusiveness, and of this the horse-drawn hack with its stuffy, smelly interior, was a fair example. To arrive in a hack never failed in its purpose. The motor car was sure to come. Those first enclosed jobs were expensive, of course, due to limited production and lack of manufacturing facilities, and only the financially fortunate could afford the luxury of a motor car of any kind in those days. However, the means to acquire usually follow desire, so it was a foregone conclusion that the enclosed automobile would become the ultimate choice of the masses.

Goggles Go Out

Mr. and Mrs. Car Owner need no longer enter their motor car, on business or pleasure bent, wrapped in linen dusters and goggles over their eyes, he with a cap on his head and his hat under his arm to wear when his journey is ended, she with a confining "train" and her ranklets protected by a fascinator wound around her head.

On the contrary, Mr. Car Owner, he is attired in evening clothes or business suit, steps into his sedan or coupe knowing that he'll step out as fresh and well groomed as when he started, regardless of weather, and Mrs. Car Owner entertains no fears for her marcel, permanent wave, complexion or daintiest gown.

According to figures compiled by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, of all automobiles manufactured in 1918, only seven per cent were closed cars. This percentage mounted to seventeen per cent in 1920, thirty per cent in 1922, forty-three per cent in 1923, and of the cars built during the present year one half doubtless will be closed models. Price is always a big determining factor, of course, and the price level is being lowered yearly.

The automobile industry, and everyone who enjoys the ownership of a car today, owe much to those few hardy enthusiasts who, in the face of grief and derision, drove those first motor cars, and thus encouraged the evolution of the "horseless carriage" to the splendid cars of the present time.

In preparing electrolyte for storage batteries nothing but chemically pure sulphuric acid and distilled water should be used.

Paris Has Special Street for Testing Traffic Problems

Owing to the congested traffic in the downtown district of Paris, the police are planning the installation of a traffic laboratory. The "laboratory street" will provide all sorts of tests for motor traffic to determine the causes of accidents. Various surface materials and safety devices will be tried out, as well as mistakes in driving and the most efficient control of traffic.

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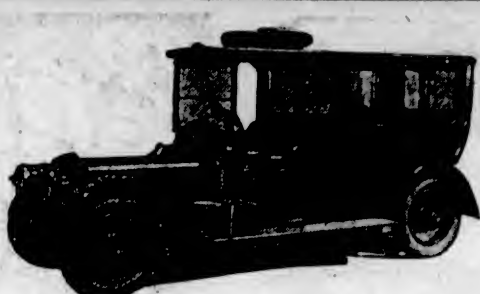
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The Daimler-Knight, now touring America under the auspices of the manufacturers of the Willys-Knight motor car, which has been in the service of King George V of England for the past fourteen years. This car is equipped with a Knight sleeve-valve engine, six cylinders, developing fifty-seven horsepower, and on July 20, 1923, passed its 176,000th mile.

Chrysler Develops Cold Weather Aid

Electrical Heating Primer Adopted, Proves Effective in Starting During Winter

Chrysler six models are being equipped with an electrical heating primer which was selected and developed for the Chrysler Six by Chrysler engineers after exhaustive tests, which proved its efficiency in cold weather, starting under the most severe conditions.

With this installation Chrysler engineers in a recent test took an engine, with fresh oil and with the standard Chrysler Six battery, placed all of the equipment in a cooling machine and left it there for a period of fifteen to twenty hours. At the end of this period, with the oil, battery and gasoline chilled to a zero temperature, they were able to obtain a successful start of the engine.

Unusually Severe Test

These are extremely severe conditions, because at this temperature the voltage and capacity of the battery are very low and the oil is so stiff that cranking is extremely hard. The gasoline used was the ordinary commercial grade.

When cranking the engine with the choke closed a considerable amount of gasoline is drawn from the carburetor jet, but the suction at low temperature is insufficient to lift it up into the combustion chamber. This gasoline drains back into a well at the bottom of the carburetor, and it is in this well that the fumes plug is installed.

Electric Heat Used

The fumes consist of a double heating element and asbestos blocks enclosed in a brass sleeve, with two openings at the bottom into which the gasoline is admitted. At the top in a perforated grid through which the gasoline fumes, arising from the heating elements, escape to the body of the carburetor.

The fumes is operated from a switch on the instrument board. Under ordinary conditions the engine may be started within fifteen seconds, usually on the first attempt, Chrysler engineers contend.

New Outlet For Motorists Provided

Second Narrows Bridge at Burrard Inlet Adds Scenic Features for Visitors

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—Motor tourist traffic into British Columbia has been largely increased by the new outlet in the recent completion of the Second Narrows Bridge at Burrard Inlet, which opens up to direct automobile travel many additional miles of scenic highway.

With the completion next Spring of a new road to the summit of the mountains on the North Shore, motorists will be able to reach an altitude of over 4,000 feet in approximately forty-five minutes from the heart of Vancouver. The bridge gives communication with marine and canyon drives into some of the most beautiful scenic districts of this Province. It is one more step in Vancouver's attempt to give adequate service to tourists.

The bridge cost nearly \$2,000,000 and was a tremendous engineering project. It was first proposed in 1902 and actual construction took two years. The new bridge also closes one of the last remaining gaps in Canada's network of highways and gives fifteen additional miles of industrial water frontage to this city.

Wipers Scratch Glass

Before using the windshield wiper allow the rain to dissolve the dust and dirt that have accumulated, so that the glass will not be scratched by the wiper arm.

Golden Gate Span To Be World Wonder

Projected Bridge Across Entrance to San Francisco Will Link Up Coast Highway

A committee of enthusiastic Californians has been organized, and is working toward the ultimate completion of the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco, which, when completed, will cost around \$25,000,000, and will be over a mile and a quarter long. "The bridge, when completed, will be the southern end of the Redwood Highway, forming a part of the great system of paved roads reaching from San Diego to British Columbia," says W. J. Hotchkiss, chairman of the committee.

"The Redwood Highway is destined to be known as one of the most scenic roads in the world. The Golden Gate Bridge completes it."

"It is perhaps pertinent at this time to tell about the mechanical features of this great undertaking," Hotchkiss continued.

Over Mile Long

The Golden Gate Bridge, when completed, will be 1,640 feet long—more than a mile and a quarter. The main span will be 4,900 feet—more than twice as long as any other bridge span in the world. This span will be 210 feet above the water of the Golden Gate, and under which any ship in the world can pass. This span is to be supported at each end on piers more than 1,000 feet high, each taller than the Eiffel Tower. The width of the proposed bridge is eighty feet, providing for two lanes of trolley cars, two lanes of automobiles, each way, and two seven-foot sidewalks. The amount of steel necessary in construction will be approximately 75,000 tons, 5,000 tons of cable and 120,000 tons of cement.

Benefits of Structure

"It is the belief of the committee that the people of the State of California have not yet fully awakened to the benefits that building of the Golden Gate Bridge is going to bring about. From being isolated by water barriers they will become a part of the southern peninsula. All the automobile travel from San Diego north and from British Columbia south will pass through San Francisco and over the Golden Gate Bridge."

"No tourist to the Pacific Coast and no world traveler could well say his journey has been complete if he had not seen this Eighth Wonder of the world. It can well be said to be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, mechanical achievements of men. The building of the Golden Gate Bridge by its magnitude and the mightiness of its achievement will challenge the attention of the world to the extent that more people will come to view the sight of its greatness than will go to look upon any other sight of Egypt or any Coliseum of Rome."

Propose Season Fee On Cariboo Highway

Automobile Club Advocates Adoption of U.S. Plan for Fraser Canyon Road

Many opinions continue to reach the Automobile Club of British Columbia offices with reference to the Fraser Canyon toll. The Hon. Dr. W. H. Sutherland suggested some time ago that a toll of five dollars be collected to bring some revenue returns on the huge expenditure which the Government has committed itself to in the construction of the highway. Two objections are evident. If the communications received from some members are any criterion, one is that revenue should not be raised through tolls, and secondly, that the proposed amount, no matter in what form or under what name it is collected, is too high. In a letter to the Minister of Public Works Mr. Elkins, manager of the club, points out that, in the historic Whistler, a seasonal fee of \$2.50 is charged, those who enter the Rainier National Park. This method, he says, is the usual one throughout the United States, and consequently under a charge of this kind, and since it is hoped that American tourists will go over the new Cariboo Highway in thousands, it would be policy to place a National Park fee on the area through which the road runs. The Federal Government has already placed a reserve on this area, and there is definite assurance that this reserve will never be lifted. In reply to Mr. Elkins' letter Dr. Sutherland stated that his Department had decided on no definite policy in this matter yet, and that all suggestions from organizations and private parties were welcome and would be considered by the Department when the issue finally would have to be settled.

The success has brought tremendous increase of business, and this increase has made possible a lowering of price, until today these cars are selling for less than half of prices when the Hudson-Essex started as a great closed-car specialist.

Automobile Critic Praises Hupmobile

Writer Awards Genuine Achievements in Automotive Progress to Well-Known Car

Rockwell R. Stephens, expert motor car critic, writing in The Chicago Daily News, declares that "two genuine achievements in automobile progress must be accorded after the Hupmobile name this year—the first as a result of the introduction of the Hupmobile Eight last January, the second through the development of the Six, recently announced."

"Both cars," he points out, "represent ventures into new fields for Hupmobile, but predictions of success made months ago for the Eight, and since triply justified by amazing sales figures, can now be made just as confidently for the new Six—the result of seventeen years of experience, and the direct result of eleven years experimental work on sixes."

Standard Smoothness

"In building the Eight, Hup engineers set something of a new standard for smoothness in motor operation. That same standard is demonstrated in the new Six, and it is the first impression the driver receives as he makes tentative spurts through a ten to thirty mile speed range. The pick-up in second gear is quick and smooth. In high gear, spark and throttle can be advanced to wide open position and the Six will pick up without "pinging" or vibration through a speed range from rolling start to fifty miles an hour, which evidently is not maximum speed.

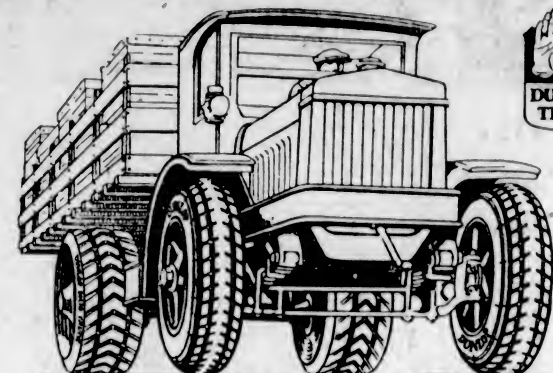
"The Six has a wheelbase of 114 inches, and holds the road well for its weight, which, for the size of the sedan, is approximately 2,800 pounds. Hupmobile tires, 30x3.25, and the latest type Bendix self-energizing front wheel brakes, are standard equipment. Body type, four-door sedan and touring, resemble the Eight in general appearance and are comfortably designed."

Studebaker Big Six Makes Perfect Score in Soviet 3,000-Mile Test

The Russian Soviet Government recently conducted a 3,000 mile international automobile endurance test over roads practically unimproved, through rain, mud and rocks. In Class One, for high speed cars, a Studebaker Big Six, Sundstrom driving, was the only car to finish with a perfect score. Ninety cars were entered, but only fifty-five finished, so difficult were the roads over which the cars were compelled to travel.

British Motor Plants Will Invade Canada

England will make an attempt to invade the Canadian motor market when four of the leading British automobile manufacturers establish branches in Canada next year. In the meantime American made automobiles continue to reign supreme both here and abroad.



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Valve-in-Head Motor in Favor

Trend of British Sentiment at Recent Automobile Show Was Towards Type

The British Automobile Show held recently in Olympia was featured chiefly by the trend toward the valve-in-head type of engine construction. Seventy per cent of all British engines shown were of this type, according to information received by H. A. Davis, Ltd., Victoria, dealers for the McLaughlin-Duick.

Four wheel brakes predominated, seventy-one per cent of the British

cars using them. Practically all were of the mechanical type, and ninety-seven per cent of all cars shown had mechanical brakes. Vacuum or hydraulic brakes were not shown on any of the British cars.

Although it is generally believed that the open car is most popular in Great Britain, there was a slight predominance of closed models shown at the exhibition. Bright colors, many of the two-tone variety, were universal.

Many famous manufacturers introduced new models with valve-in-head engines, push rod operated. Among them were those by Hotchkiss, Italia, Darracq, Steyr, Fiat, Crossley, Singer, Buick, Alvis and the Sunbeam Eight.

Wires Should Stay Snug

Do not allow wires to hang down under the rowl or dash of the car where they can be kicked loose. Keep them fastened up out of the way.

Cause of Dragging Brakes

A dragging brake is usually the result of weakness in the releasing mechanism, such as the pullback springs. It may also be the result of insufficient clearance at the bands or too tight an adjustment at the connections.

Too Much Oil

Most generator and starter brush trouble is caused by too much oil. It leaves a film on the commutator and insulates the brushes from the commutator. This condition also causes arcing. One or two drops at each oiling is sufficient.

Car Cleanliness Hint

To keep a car clean, never allow dust or dirt to collect in the top, in the interior, on the floor, in the upholstery or upon any part of the skeleton of the car.

For Comfort's Sake

When crawling over rails or ruts, take them at an angle so that both wheels of the car do not strike the obstruction at the same time. This generally relieves the shock so that it is hardly felt in the car.

Water Circulation

When the upper portion of the radiator does not become thoroughly hot after starting the engine, the circulation is probably obstructed by the rubber connections having collapsed internally or the gaskets under the flange connections to the cylinder having spread out and largely shut off the flow.

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The time used in Pacific Standard for the 1925 Meridian west, it is counted from 8 to 14 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where the water is in the table the tide rises or falls continuously during the two successive tidal periods without turning.

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Plays and Players

Dolores Cassinelli At Capitol Monday

Brilliant Entertainer Plays Important Role in Film, "The Unguarded Hour"

Concert singer, brilliant pianist, expert fencer, mistress of five languages—these are a few of the accomplishments of Dolores Cassinelli who plays an important role in "The Unguarded Hour," the first National feature at the Capitol Theatre, this week.

For years Miss Cassinelli has been studying under Fucito, Caruso's famous teacher. Last May she made her concert debut in Baltimore with Martinielli, the Metropolitan Opera tenor.

A year ago she completed against a group of expert fencers from all parts of the world in a big fencing meet in New York. Miss Cassinelli defeated them all, winning as nearly as can be gauged, the feminine fencing championship of the world. She speaks English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

In "The Unguarded Hour," in which Milton Silla has the stellar role, with Doris Kenyon the featured feminine player, Miss Cassinelli plays the part of an Italian girl.

Musical Night
On Monday night the Capitol Theatre will present a Music Lovers' programme under the direction of A. Prescott. The numbers selected are especially suitable for the feature picture, "The Unguarded Hour," featuring Milton Silla. Some of the numbers to be rendered during the evening are as follows: Overture, "March and Procession of Bacchus" (Delibes); selection, "Sea-Naw" (Hilch); "Warum" (Why) (Rehman); fox-trot, "Brown Eyes, Why Are You Blue?" "You Told Me to Go."

British Museum to Have Portraits of All Leading Movie Artists

Stars of the film firmament have achieved the dignity of museum exhibits. Their faces soon will be on file in the British Museum at London. Original photographs of all the better-known motion picture players, including some whose screen progress was cut short by death, have been collected into an album of some 200

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen
Capitol—Milton Silla in "The Unguarded Hour."
Columbia—The Mark of Zorro with Douglas Fairbanks.
Dominion—Corinne Griffith in "Classified."

The Stage
Coliseum—"Going Some."
Playhouse—"The Katzenjammer Kids."

"Classified" Features Corinne Griffith

Beautiful Picture Star Filmed in Noted Author's Story Screened at Dominion

Corinne Griffith, star, Edna Ferber, author, June Mathis, scenarist. Sounds like a pretty good combination where screen entertainment is concerned, doesn't it?

This triumvirate is responsible for the new bill to be offered at the Dominion Theatre this week, when First National presents "Classified."

"Classified" brings to the screen a new type—the girl who takes your heart, over the phone. Also it gives Miss Griffith a new opportunity at characterization, as she has never before attempted to portray this sort of personality. Her success is reported as having been complete.

Jack Mulhall and many prominent screen artists are enroled with Miss Griffith in placing this delightful story of life in a New York flat upon the screen.

There would be some encouragement in trying for success if successful people would try to look as though they enjoyed being successful.

Coliseum to Offer Screaming Comedy

"Going Some" Billed This Week at Government Street House

Screaming comedy that will put a happy Christmas expression on the face of every member of the audience will be offered by the Coliseum Company in "Going Some," the companion play to "Going Up," opening Monday. Then with "Ines From Hollywood" on the screen the holiday bill looks promising. As a change from the rich musical treat last week, "Going Some" is comedy all the time. Gladys Hutton, Ruth Hamilton, George Olsen, George Brydon and Will Marshall will be the regular members of the company taking part in the skilful burlesque in which rollicking hearty cow-boys figure. They will have with them William Campbell, veteran actor and singer, whose reappearance on the stage in a comedy role will be hailed with delight by those who have previously rocked their sides with laughter at his clever acting. He will share the main part with Will Marshall. Lawrence Brydon, brother of the popular George Brydon, will also make his first bow to Coliseum audiences.

Adela Rogers St. Johns is one author who admits that her stories can be improved with alterations. She admitted as much after witnessing "Ines From Hollywood," showing at the Coliseum this week. First National's screen version of her Cosmopolitan Magazine story.

Fairbanks' Latest Picture His Best

Critics and Public Enthusiastic Over Feature Showing at Columbia Tomorrow

Never before has Douglas Fairbanks waxed so enthusiastic over his success and admiration of a picture than he has over "The Mark of Zorro," his fourth United Artists' production, which will be the feature attraction at the Columbia Theatre, beginning Monday.

The story is an adaptation of Johnston McCully's novel, "The Curse of Capistrano," which appeared in the All Story Weekly magazine.

Those critics who have viewed "The Mark of Zorro" have proclaimed that Fairbanks has excelled any of his previous performances. This is due, to some extent, to the ingenious story and the opportunities afforded "Doug" to make the greatest use of his athletic ability.

The background of the story is centered around early Southern California, nearly a century ago, when its destinies were jealously guarded by the Spanish settlers.

"Three Little Maids" Opens at Royal on Friday Evening Next

It is sometimes possible to summarize in ten or a dozen words the reasons why a play is worth seeing. But this it is impossible to do with the English musical comedy, "Three Little Maids." It comes to the Royal Victoria for two days, commencing Friday, December 24, with a matinee on Saturday, sponsored by Captain M. W. Plunkett and with the famous English comedian, G. P. Huntley, in the stellar role. "Three Little Maids" is a species of musical comedy symphony—with every part of it outstanding but not one over-emphasized. The music is the famous English score with "She Was a Miller's Daughter," "Do You Really Think You've Known Me Long Enough?" "Aisy's Simply Awfully Good at Algebra" and "Girls, Girls, Girls." The scenic backgrounds, depicting effects, costumes never fail to draw the critics' enthusiastic attention, particularly the setting for the first act with its distant panoramas of beautiful English hills. Mail orders are now being received for the Victoria engagement of "Three Little Maids" and seats go on sale on Wednesday, December 23.

Famous Harpist Coming to City on January 11 Next

There are great players of the harp who now devote the entire evening to harp recitals. One of these famous players is Marcel Grandjany, a French harpist, renowned in his own and other countries, who is now on a transcontinental tour of America and Canada. He will be heard here in January next, on the 11th, at the Crystal Garden, and arrangements have been made to have Miss Marion Copp, contralto, of Toronto, who is now in the West, assist in the recital. She recently sang in Vancouver, and made a great and favorable impression there. She will be accompanied by our local gifted pianist, Mrs. Clifford Warn.

On Sunday Afternoon London Listens to Lecture by Lord Meath

Lord Meath and Sir Maurice de Bunsen were among those at the first Sunday afternoon lecture at the British Museum. It was given by Sir Frederic Kenyon on English history, and illustrated by lantern slides of exhibits at the Museum. There was quite a crowd there. They were given a letter from Queen Elizabeth apologizing for her "scattering" handwriting (good word that), and heard how Nelson's notes for the battle of Trafalgar were bought in 1905 from an omnibus conductor for over £3,000.

A well-known doctor says that we can eat and enjoy anything if we will only be cheerful. The man who lacks a railway sandwich should obviously approach it screaming with laughter.



MR. WILLIAM BUCHANAN
The famous Scottish actor-singer, now on a world tour, and who will give a series of four concerts in Victoria commencing on Saturday, January 2.

Katzenjammer Kids Come to Playhouse

Reg. Hincks' Players to Present Classic "Comic Section" All This Week

"The Katzenjammer Kids" is the play to be offered Playhouse Theatre patrons this week by the Reginald Hincks' company. On the screen, "Rugged Water," starring Lois Wilson, Wallace Beery, Warner Baxter and Phyllis Haver, will be the feature attraction.

This week's show is one of real merit, and is sure to draw capacity houses. "The Katzenjammer Kids" are well known to both old and young, and in presenting it at this season of the year is bound to be a big attraction. Reginald Hincks has produced this play somewhat similar to a pantomime and has given Harold Recheil and Ernie Petch the title roles of Hans and Fritz. The cast is as follows: Reginald Hincks, Pecky Lewis, Elleen and Audrey Bennett, Hugh Williamson and Marie Broadman. Special musical numbers for the play have been prepared by Walter Gaskill, musical conductor.

"Rugged Water" is packed with heroic action, quaint humor and wholesome romance. It is a spectacular action-romance of the life-saving service, produced for Paramount by Irvin Willat, who made "Wanderer of the Wasteland," "North of 36" and "The Air Mail."

A Singing Banquet

The American Society's Thanksgiving dinner at the Savoy, London, was unlike any of its predecessors. It was arranged as a singing banquet, and 500 booklets of old American songs had been printed to revive rusty memories. These songs were sung all the way from the Blue Point oysters to the monster mince pie at the end.

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Schubert Club to Give First Concert

Clever Musical Organization Will Open Present Season in Memorial Hall Shortly

Music lovers of Victoria will be pleased to hear that the Schubert Club will give their first concert of this season in the Memorial Hall, Tuesday evening, January 12th, 1926. This Club needs no introduction to Victoria audiences, as it has a well earned reputation from the high standard attained in previous recitals.

The Club has been faithfully at work, under the able conductorship of Mr. Frederic King, preparing an entirely new programme, which will undoubtedly satisfy and charm the most fastidious audience.

The Club is hoping to secure the assistance of a prominent soloist from the Mainland for this occasion.

Season tickets will be obtainable at a nominal fee up until the time of the first concert.

Pleasure to Play To Local Audience

Mr. Cameron Matthews, Manager of "The Dover Road," Delighted With Appreciation

"It is a real pleasure to play to a Victoria audience," says Mr. Cameron Matthews, manager of "The Dover Road," the feature attraction at the West Victoria Theatre. "In several of the towns which we have visited some of the finer points of the dialogue seemed to go over the heads of the audience. But here we feel that we have an audience which appreciates all the subtleties to a nicety."

Mr. Matthews is not only manager of the clever company which is presenting this witty comedy, but is himself the principal member of the cast. Those who have seen the play and his fine acting of the part of "Mr. Lattimer," will be more than pleased to learn that the company is to return here early in the year with another play. Mr. Matthews appreciates that they were rather unfortunate in arriving here on the eve of the Christmas holiday season, when social engagements and other interests are a strong counter-attraction to theatre-going. But all the same he reiterates that he is enjoying playing to such appreciative audiences. Nowhere else West of Toronto, with the exception of Saskatoon, have they experienced such pleasure in acting "The Dover Road."

Not everyone realizes even yet that Mr. Matthews' company has not come direct from England at the present time. He has been playing for the last three years at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, producing a new play each week. He has taken Canada into his affections, as it has taken him (through vastly appreciative audiences), and he is frankly enthusiastic about his adopted home.

The present play bears all the earmarks of a good English production. Mr. Matthews' name is well-known to London theatregoers, as he played at different times with Mrs. "Pat" Campbell, Mr. Cyril Maude and Mr. Granville Barker. The last play in which he appeared in London was in a play of his own, which betrays the fact that Mr. Matthews' versatility embraces not only play producing and acting, but also play writing.

Women Hysterical and Faint at Scenes Shown in Film at London

Painting and hysterical women were helped from the Central Hall Westminster, recently when the much discussed Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals film was shown.

Shrieks were heard from all parts of the hall as the alleged Belgian method of killing horses was shown. There was a dramatic incident when Lord Hanbury challenged Captain Gee, V.C., to repeat the statements regarding the film which he made in the House of Commons.

Captain Gee at once leaped to his feet, being greeted with cheers and hisses.

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Canadian Artists in London

Margaret Bannerman and Matheson Lang Ably Uphold Dominion's Fame in Old Country

In theatre-land, Canada is represented in London by Margaret Bannerman and Matheson Lang. Miss Bannerman is a young actress who has made giant strides in her art since she first appeared in "Tina" and the Adelphi. Miss Bannerman, born Le Grand, is a Toronto girl. She is fair, exquisitely dainty, charming. Her triumph may be said to be the triumph of the magazine-cover girl. But her dancing is without merit, her voice is mediocre. For some time she was regarded as just a successful actress whose claim was based on personal beauty and charm. But she has now established herself as an actress of real ability. She "arrived" in the artistic sense of the word with her interpretation of the very difficult part of the unworldly ultra-modern woman in Somerset Maugham's play, "Our Betters." Her career is full of infinite possibilities. On the stage she is a very sophisticated woman, with a streak of hardness beneath her charm.

Perhaps it will surprise even Cana-

dians to learn that Matheson Lang is Canadian born. He was born in Montreal, the son of a parson. He has played with F. R. Benson, with Louis Calvert's repertoire company, with Mrs. Langtry, with Ellen Terry, and in such great successes as "Mr. Wu" and the "Wandering Jew." He is the idol of the matinee girl. People go to see Matheson Lang rather than to see the play in which he is taking part. He shares his public with Ethel M. Dell.

In the space of a short article it is only possible to select sufficient representative Canadians to prove the truth of the suggestion made at the beginning thereof. And it is this: that there is in the atmosphere of London something peculiarly suited to the Canadian actor. They bring with them from the West the conquering optimism of a new land, so that among the enervated and sophisticated people of the Old World they are as Youth in competition with Age.

Stereoscopic Effects On Screen Likely, Says Fairbanks' Director

A new frontier is being crossed by the men in motion pictures who are working in color photography, according to Albert Parker, who is directing Douglas Fairbanks' new all-color production, "The Black Pirate," which is now about half completed. "Many things are being discovered" which are bound to have great bearing on picture production in the future, assuming, of course, that color photography is to encroach more and more on black and white," said Mr. Parker. "In fact, it begins to look now as if we not only will have color photography, but also stereoscopic effects on the screen. Present indications are that the big strides in the immediate development of picture production are to come in the mechanical end of the business, rather than the creative departments. In 'The Black Pirate' Mr. Fairbanks has accomplished a marked stereoscopic effect in several instances, which no doubt will be but the forerunner of greater development along this line."

Industry Is Great Trade Promoter



MR. D. W. GRIFFITH
Who brought to the moving picture screen "The Birth of a Nation" and other great spectacles, told the Canadian Club at Toronto that the movie industry is the greatest trade promoter in the world, because films, circulating worldwide, are a source of inspiration—a trade builder in times of peace and war.

Facts and Fancies of Filmdom

Wilde's Play Filmed
Warner Bros. gave a special showing of Ernst Lubitsch's picture of "Lady Windermere's Fan" in Hollywood a week or so ago.

New Story for Pola
Pola Negri recently finished "A Woman of the World," under the direction of Malcolm St. Clair. Discussions in Hollywood between Miss Negri, Ernest Valda, the Hungarian playwright, and B. P. Schulberg, associate producer, have resulted in a new special screen story being outlined for the star. No definite title or production time has yet been decided upon, but the story will be one of a series to be written for Paramount.

"The Chimes of Normandy"
Instead of making "The Prince of Pileen" for A. H. Sebastian, Anita Stewart will soon begin work in "The Chimes of Normandy" for the same producer. Alan Forrest will be her leading man. It is now denied that Marshall Neilan may direct Constance Talmadge. In fact, the star's plans are being produced by "East of the Setting Sun," which Erick von Stroheim was to have directed, has been indefinitely postponed.

A Hirsute Valentino
The most famous beard in the world? Who owned it? King Harold's? No, it was Valentino's. A king of that greater realm—the movies. Theatregoers will have an opportunity to see it in "Coburn." The star is smooth shaven in most of the picture, but he does wear the beard in an amusing sequence which shows one of the chief characters' ancestors in a romantic episode.

William Fox's Latest
William Fox has added the film rights of still another play to his long list. His latest purchase is "La Zaz" for the James Gleason-Richard Taber comedy, the rights to which were sold to the Fox Film Corporation for a huge sum, said to be a guarantee of \$100,000, against a percentage of ten per cent on the gross receipts. The picture will be produced by Fox.

Papal Court Screened
"Treasures of the Vatican," Dr. Vincent Fago's screen feature revealing the Papal court and its art treasures, was released recently. The Pope and the American Cardinals Hayes, Mundelein and Dougherty, appear in this picture.

"The Volga Boatman"
Theodore Kosloff is announced by Cecil De Mille as his latest addition to the cast now being formed for "The Volga Boatman." The Russian-American story by Konrad Bercowicz is the second De Mille independent venture. The famous Russian dancer

is a native of that portion of Russia in which the forerunners of the story is laid.

Valentino's Suede Coat
Rudolph Valentino, complete with grey suede coat trimmed with fur, is staying in London, Says The Mirror, and will attend the opening performance of his film, "The Eagle," at a leading cinema. His brother, Cavalieri Alberto Guglielmi, arrived in town from Italy recently and goes back to America with Rudolph on the Leviathan on January 19. He intends to learn the production business.

Appreciation of A Skilled Trade Helps Happiness

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—Working on the theory that when a discouraged man returns home after a day's employment for which he is not fitted his depression engulfs the household, Kansas City schools are popularizing the skilled trades.

Sumas Bill Passes Into Statute Book

The Sumas Bill, contrary to all early morning prognostications and intentions, had an undisturbed passage through the committee stage, which occupied only the time the Acting Chairman of Committees, Mr. George Walker, took in reading the sections through at the rate of about 300 words a minute, with a brief interlude, when the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee moved an amendment, accepted by Premier Oliver, raising the Dyking Inspector, Mr. Dixon, to the status of Dyking Commissioner, at the request of the land owners. The Bill was thus reported as the clock pointed to noon.

When the question came, that the Committee rise and report the Bill to the Speaker, Mr. J. W. Jones told the Government, in a grim voice, they were now in the Sumas mess by Act of Parliament, as well as by their own personal acts, and he wished them a happy Christmas with it all. The Premier acknowledged the salutation, and asked: "Where, oh, where are my friends?" With but a little formality left, that of the third reading, the Sumas Bill passed into the Statute Book.

At a certain English race meeting

Epiphany, a French horse, won the "big" race. As the result was shown, a little Frenchman rushed out past the grand stand crying, "Waterloo revenge!" An English nobleman leaned over the rails and called, "Yes, you ran well on both occasions!"

Goldwyn's Portrait Drawn

Author of "Potash and Perlmutter" Describes Well-Known Producer's Methods When in Action

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certainities in the making of motion pictures—by the personality of the producer, and no producer of successful results in any field of endeavor may be expected to display a personality which is at all times 100 per cent amiable, bland, unctuous, soft and yielding. Therefore, in the business of Mr. Goldwyn's disposition, there is a noticeable amount of thunder and lightning, occasional heavy squalls and once in a while a perfectly devastating tornado. But when the picture is finished and released, let me introduce you to my friend Mr. Samuel Goldwyn—the genial, the hospitable, the kindly Mr. Goldwyn, stering up new energy for another struggle with the raw material of a motion picture, which, you may be certain, will prove even more amusing and successful than the last."

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Unusual Case Comes Before County Court in Duncan in Misrepresentation Suit—Cruelty Also Shown

In an action for alleged misrepresentation on the sale of a team of horses His Honor Judge McIntosh held that the fault was not in the horses, but in that the plaintiff could not speak to them in intelligible English.

Judgment in the case (Bassanta versus Evans) was delivered at Duncan on Wednesday, in favor of the defendant. Mr. R. D. Harvey appeared for the plaintiff, and Mrs. O. J. Boulton for the defendant.

The plaintiff alleged that the pulling capacity of the team had been misrepresented to him. The trial judge found that there had been no misrepresentation. "The fault, if any," he said, "is not that the horses could not perform the function asked for but in the asking. The plain-

tiff, as in the case of most Oriental, are indifferent drivers of horses. This is evidenced in the present case by the cuts on the flanks and rumps of the horses, and the cut buckling and broken rings on hames of the harness when the horses were sought to be returned to the defendant. These horses were used to commands given in English, and it is abundantly clear that the plaintiff, Bassanta, who did most of the driving, could not direct them by understandable speech. This, then, is clearly a want of skill on the part of the plaintiff in the management of the horses and not a want of capacity in the horses themselves."

Millions in Jewelry Is Taken to Grave

ATLANTA, Dec. 19.—The practice of burying jewelry with the body of a relative or friend is an expression of sentiment that morticians do not seek to discourage, explained Mr. Fred W. Patterson, President of the National Selected Morticians.

While most of the jewelry buried with bodies is expensive, averaging about ten dollars a trinket in each case, Mr. Patterson estimated that 3,000,000 Americans who die annually carry approximately \$20,000,000 worth of jewelry to the grave with them.

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